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Bomb Mailed To Gov. Wilson; Gay Activists May Be Prime Suspects

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Speculation was rife in lesbian/gay rights circles about responsibility for a package bomb discovered Saturday, Dec. 28, in the state Capitol building mail room addressed to Gov. Pete Wilson. Although state and federal officials investigating the mail-bomb refused to disclose any information about the incident, sources in Sacramento and San Francisco agreed gay rights activists were considered on the top of the suspect list because of Wilson's veto Sept. 28 of AB-101, a gay employment discrimination bill, even with unconfirmed news reports that a note included with the bomb attacked Wilson for linking immigrants to California's budget problems.

Officials in the governor's office were equally reluctant to discuss the bomb attempt out of fears it could generate "copy-cat" attempts, but Capt. Bob Donnalley of the State Police said Wilson had become the object of an increasing number of threats against his life since he vetoed the gay rights legislation, including one threat being investigated by the FBI.

Donnalley said the State Police handle an average of 800 threats against elected officials each year, but that Saturday's incident at the Capitol building was the first time that an explosive device had actually been found. Donnalley said discovery of the device had caused officials to increase security at the Capitol as well as Wilson's personal bodyguard.

One source described the parcel as a package about 8 to 10

inches square with a spring-loaded lid similar to a mousetrap. The box was filled with explosive powder and small rocks that would have acted as shrapnel, according to the source. If the lid had been lifted, it would have sprung a detonator of some type that would have ignited the powerful explosive powder and "blown the stones out like bullets."

Donnalley declined to discuss any details about the package, its contents or how it got passed the Capitol's X-ray scanners used to examine all parcels coming into the building. "It came through the mail," he said. "That's all I can say."

Donnalley confirmed that U.S. Postal Service investigators were involved in the investigation as well as State Police officers, police investigators from San Francisco and Los Angeles, and Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents. He said a mail-room clerk had alerted State Police about what was considered a "suspicious" parcel Saturday evening, but declined to say why the clerk had believed the package was unusual. The Capitol mail room is not close enough to the governor's office in the building to have caused any damage there even if the bomb had been detonated.

The governor's press secretary, Bill Livingstone, also refused to talk about the bomb except to say, "Obviously the governor's very concerned, whether there's a threat or an actual bomb."

The governor's office, however, confirmed that following the veto of AB-101, Wilson had received "an unusually larger num-

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Possible Shots By Gays And Lesbians At State Legislature

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — With new legislative redistricting lines pending, two popular activists here are increasingly discussing likely bids to make runs for seats in the state legislature. Cleve Jones, the widely-known founder of the NAMES Project Memorial AIDS Quilt already said last year that he wanted to run for one of the city's two seats in the state Assembly, and lesbian Supervisor Carole Migden said recently that she is looking at making a run for a seat in the state Senate.

Both the Jones and Migden prospective bids would be possible under a proposed remap plan based

on new census data that consolidates several heavily gay areas of San Francisco into single districts. Before the new plan, which has yet to be finally approved by the California Supreme Court, gay neighborhoods in the city had been divided but would now be combined in districts made up of as many as 40 percent gay and lesbian voters — the largest concentration of gays and lesbians in California.

Even with such a substantial voting base, however, both possible candidates would face tough fights against powerful veteran liberal Democrats.

If Jones runs in the 13th Assembly district race, he would confront incumbent Willie Brown, who has been a member of the state

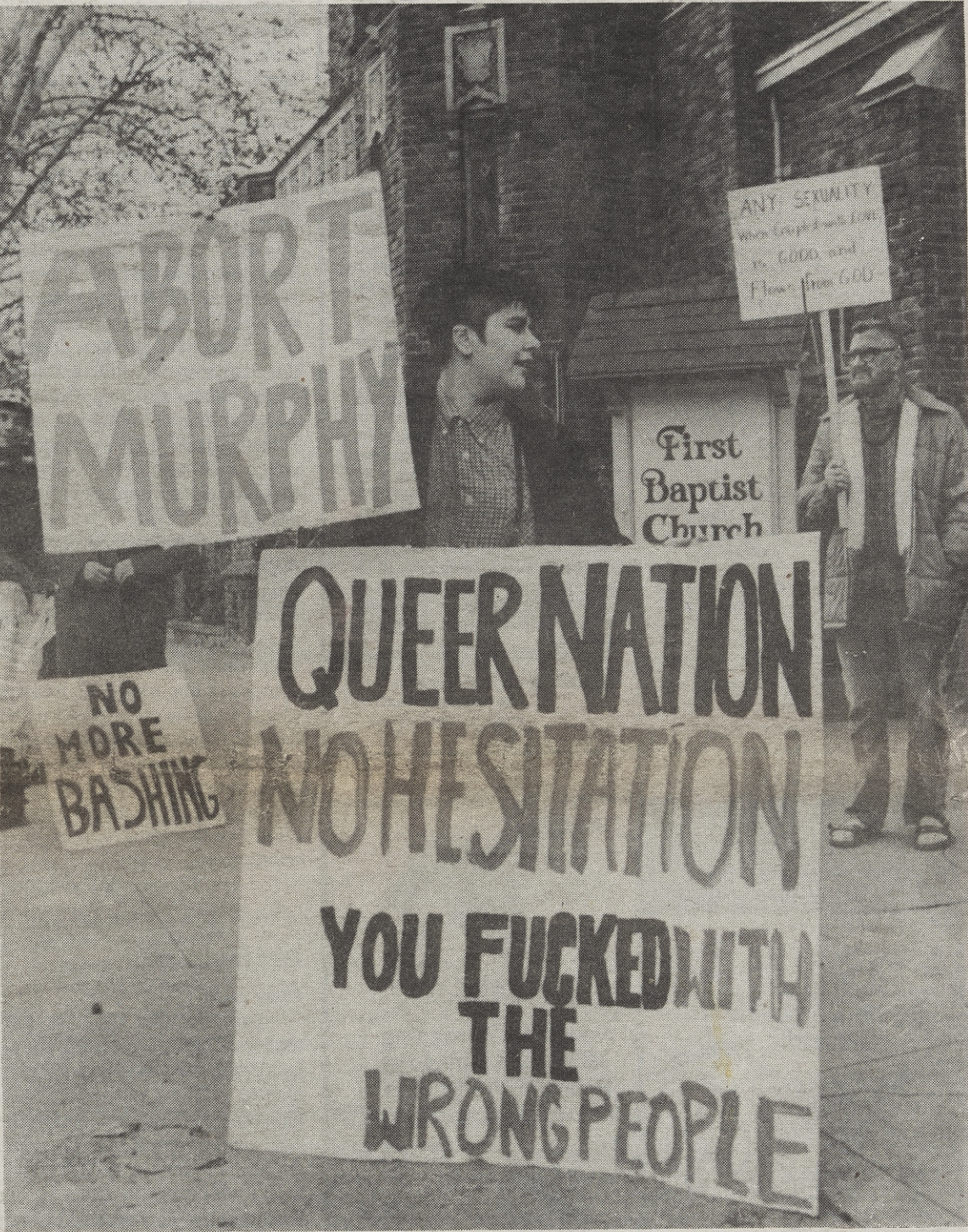


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Queer Nation Protests...

Members of Queer Nation are shown here protesting Minister Robert Murphy of Sacramento's First Baptist Church. Recent Articles in the *Sacramento Bee* contained homophobic statements made by the pastor.

even though Brown has been very supportive of gay rights issues in the Assembly during his career, many activists say it is time gays and lesbians had "a seat at the table."

Jones, who has not formally announced his candidacy yet, said, "This is the only state district that can elect a gay person to the state Assembly. It's our obligation to pursue this, whether I run or not. The issue at stake is representation of our community."

And while most lesbian and gay politicians acknowledge Brown's influence and support over the years, many also point out that Brown's ally, John Burton, opposed lesbian Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg in her unsuccessful 1988 race for the Assembly. Others say they resent Brown's avowed support of a suburban San Mateo incumbent, Assemblyman Ted Lempert, over Tom Nolan, the openly gay president of the San

Mateo County Board of Supervisors in another Assembly race.

Jones only says of the prospect of taking on the state's most powerful Democrat, "I'm considering it. I'm meeting with advisers."

But with growing anti-incumbency sentiment among voters, Jones gave at least a hint at how he might pitch a bid to take over Brown's seat. "San Franciscans in their 30s were babies when Willie Brown went to the Legislature," he said. "There's impatience and frustration with entrenched politicians who have lost touch with the people."

In the second race, Migden, a first-term San Francisco supervisor, has said recently that she might be interested in challenging state Sen. Milton Marks in the city's new 3rd state senatorial district, which contains a greater concentration of

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Powerless

Dear Editor,

I found your coverage of the Separatist forum presented by the SLCC interesting. I am also interesting in the Opinion written by Louise Monsour, and it is this opinion to which I wish to address by letter.

I recognize and honor the need for all of us to sometimes have "safe harbors" where we can retire to contemplate our lives, renew our energies, and heal the wounds that are a natural part of life. However, I do not see these "safe harbors" as a permanent solution to the problems and difficulties of life. For once we try to do so, these safe harbors no longer become safe, but are soon beset with all of the problems we tried to leave behind.

I am most disturbed by Ms. Monsour's statement that "As long as we live in a society where women's roles are largely defined by men..." This strikes me as a very powerless statement. No one is capable of defining another person's life unless there is consent in some form or another. It is true that there is an enormous amount of social gender training which impedes a woman's ability to assert herself. But, it is a situation to which each and every individual involved consents at some time or another.

Despite the many problems in our society, one saving grace is that almost everyone has the capability to change their life. If we find ourselves in an unacceptable situation, there are innumerable resources in this society to assist in plotting and directing a new course. Such changes are not always easy, and there is usually a significant price to be paid. But, everyone's life is their own, unless through choice or deference it is given to another.

K.D. Donnell

Get Involved!!

Dear Editor,

On December 14, 1991, I attended "The Conference", put on by a group of individuals in Sacramento. "The Conference" was planned for several months, and as time went on, enthusiasm by some dwindled. There was little coverage of this event in either of our "community" newspapers, though there were representatives of both, involved at one time or another. Although some chose to bash "The Conference," it went on as planned, with such people as Keith Clark, noted gay journalist, Karen Masie, Channel 10 reporter and Jean Harris, well-known San Francisco political activist. These individuals, and many more, provided valuable information regarding the ongoing response to the veto of AB-101. It's only a shame that in a county that boasts over one million citizens, approximately 100,000 of them lesbian/gay and bisexual, that only a few dozen bothered to show. My biggest concern is this lack of enthusiasm. There is currently a campaign to put an initiative on the ballot in November which would make it illegal to discriminate in employment, based on one's sexual orientation. This movement is alive and well, but needs all our support and enthusiasm. We will not obtain this protection under the law unless we, as a community come together and support it at a grass-roots level. I challenge everyone in this community to get involved at some level. There are community meetings every Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Lambda Center. If you do it

for no other reason, do it to protect yourself from discrimination.

Sincerely,
Karen Guckert

Sacramento Clones?

Dear Editor,

According to official crime statistics and news reports, rapes here have been steadily increasing for nearly two years. In view of the prevailing sexually up-tight attitude, this does not surprise me. I predict that rapes here will continue to increase. I am surprised that the Sacramento area is not among those with the highest rape and child molestation/abuse rates per capita nationwide.

I have found personal ads, going to the gay bars or getting involved in anything here to be a total waste of my time and money. I have experience this situation worse here than anywhere I have ever lived. If I wanted to live celibate, I would rate Sacramento as the best place in the world to live.

With Sacramento County being so close to San Francisco and having a population of nearly a million, I have found it very difficult to believe that people here could be so sexually up-tight. I believe that the major contributor to this situation is small town type sexual peer pressure and not celibacy, monogamy, AIDS, hate groups, street gangs or crime.

I constantly hear Sacramentans bad-mouth San Franciscans for their prevailing liberal sexual attitudes. This is probably why San Francisco has one of the lowest rape rates per capita nationwide.

I am very glad to see San Franciscans resisting the current ever-growing national right-wing fundamentalist conservative trend to become a sexually up-tight and/or celibate city. I certainly would hate to see San Franciscans become clones of Sacramentans.

Sincerely,
David Raffield

Lost Faith

Dear Editor,

Our movement is useless. It is based on the out-of-date notion that American government at all levels is benign.

It is based on the tragic assumption that if the chief executive has become king, if amoral people have become entrenched in ridiculously over-paid government jobs, if the ranks of leadership have become filled with people who have no concern for the welfare of the society, people who have become terrifyingly adept at manipulating public perception for personal gain, if these things have happened they

have happened without general public knowledge—this pre-conception blinds us to the loss of liberty in this country. More simply, we've gotten just what we wanted.

Until we begin to honestly admit what is truly important to us (gay and non-gay), that for which we have and will continue to sacrifice ALL else: our personal freedom, our future survival, our lives—we will gain nothing.

This degree of honesty is beyond experience. It is more than formidable, it is viscerally terrifying. Committing ourselves to face what we have become—seeing what is truly important to us, discarding the endless lies from our leaders telling us of the shining future and the "thousand points of light"; holding our breath and opening our eyes and, standing together, looking into ourselves honestly and then looking around us with the same honest open eyes—perhaps then we might survive.

I doubt it. So much has been lost. The necessary action must be so drastic I doubt we can face it. It's like the man handcuffed to the burning car with a knife in his hand: he knows the car will explode and incinerate him if he doesn't get away, but the only way he can escape is to hack off his own arm with the knife.

I don't think we can do it. Hope I'm wrong, but I've lost faith. Hope is all that is left, just our voices together in the darkness.

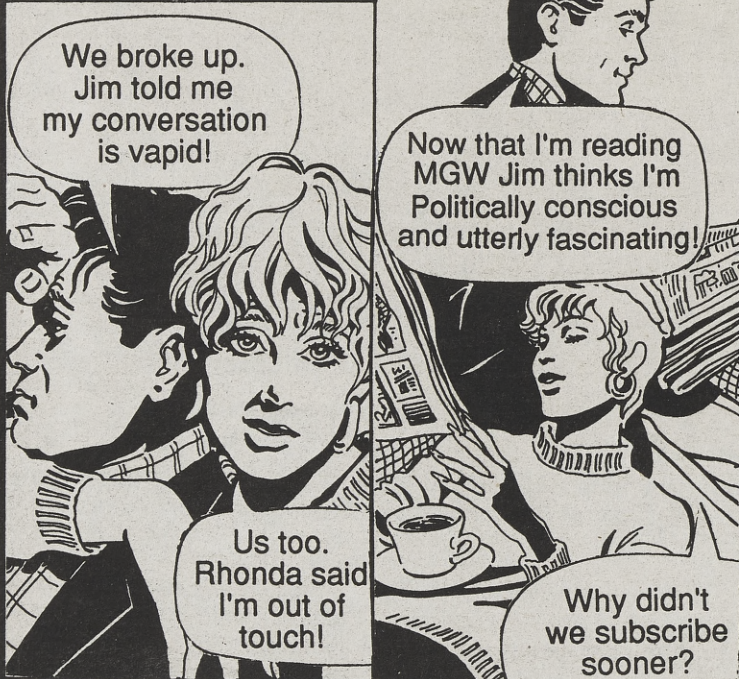
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Wilson Now Backing Employment Bias Legislation—Gays Still Excluded

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson said Friday, Jan. 3, that he now supports legislation that would permit the Fair Employment and Housing Commission (FEHC) to award damages to victims of employment-related discrimination although he vetoed an earlier version of the legislation in October, setting off a storm of criticism.

Wilson vetoed a measure authored by Sen. Marian Bergeson (R-Newport Beach) that would have allowed the FEHC to levy up to \$200,000 in damages to individuals who are subjected to on-the-job sexual harassment or suffer other employment discrimination. In his veto, Wilson said the legislation would cause a flood of discrimination claims.

At a Capitol press conference Friday, Wilson said he would now support a modified version of measure that would give the FEHC authority to assess larger fines for bigger employers but much lower fines for smaller firms.

The Oct. 14 veto drew strong criticism from several civil rights groups and prompted the vice chair-

man of the FEHC to resign, charging that without the ability to impose fines the commission was "an empty, impotent shell."

Bergeson, who had initially threatened to introduce legislation abolishing the FEHC, has now agreed to a modified version of her original measure that would give the FEHC the power to assess fines against businesses, but sets the penalties up on a sliding scale.

Under the new legislation, firms with more than 500 workers could be fined up to \$300,000. Businesses with 201 to 500 employees could face maximum penalties of \$200,000; companies with 101 to 200 workers could be fined no more than \$100,000; and firms with fewer than 100 employees could be assessed no more than \$50,000 in fines.

Neither the original legislation nor the new Bergeson compromise bill include employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, and restricts the cases to bias based on race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex and age. The bias categories would include AIDS and HIV status. ▼

New Program for LIFE Lobby: "Homos, Repent or Die!"

That's the hard-hitting message of Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality's (LIFE Lobby) new campaign, Project 101, to get the word out to gays across California that the right wing will settle for nothing less than death.

In order to get this message across, LIFE Lobby plans to open its doors to individual members in hopes of raising \$101,000 in 101 days.

"We desperately need the help of every gay and lesbian in California," said John Duran, LIFE's Southern Co-chair.

"That's why we are launching LIFE's Project 101—to raise resources needed immediately."

Formed in 1986 as an umbrella organization for other gay groups, the individual members campaign includes full-page ads in the gay press outlining the need for money and asking people to join the Lobby's growing network.

"We need people in every county of this state keyed in—and ready to take action," said Laurie McBride, LIFE's Executive Director.

"We've been fighting an enormous battle on a shoestring budget. We can't continue this way."

In addition to newspaper ads donated by the gay press, LIFE Lobby also is sending out direct mail appeals, having businesses hold fundraisers and seeking major donors.

Once the individual membership is in place, LIFE Lobby hopes to call on the network of people not only for funds but to build on the anger generated by Governor Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101, the gay rights bill.

Action alerts such as the 100,000 postcards the Lobby collected this past year—that helped convince the Legislature to pass AB 101—are at the top of the list.

LIFE Lobby also expects to hire more staff to counter the recent addition of four lobbyists by right-wing Lou Sheldon to his organization. Many see Sheldon as the man who got Wilson to veto AB 101, a bill the governor had been expected to sign.

"We need money to increase our lobbying presence," said McBride.

LIFE Lobby wants to be ready to meet future threats by Sheldon and others like him.

"The danger is real. The religious bigots who opposed AB 101

are gloating over the veto, and gearing up to push their frightful agenda of hate in the next legislative session," said Ken Jones, Northern California Co-chair.

"LIFE Lobby has a challenging year ahead," Jones concluded. "We can't lobby effectively without grassroots members." ▼

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gay and lesbian voters than it has for the past 10 years.

Marks, a 23-year veteran politician, is a one-time progressive Republican judge who switched parties in 1967 to win a state Senate seat. Marks has long been one of the Senate's most outspoken supporters of gay rights, but this would be Marks' last four-year term. Moreover, Marks has been ailing for the past few years and, because of the redistricting, would have to move to remain in the new district.

Migden, who was the largest political fund-raiser in her 1990 election to the Board of Supervisors and garnered the second largest number of votes in that race, is young, vigorous and a skillful and ambitious political game player and long-time Democratic Party worker. A Migden candidacy could give the aging Marks a very tough run and gays and lesbians their first real shot at a seat in the state Senate.

Migden is playing her cards close to the vest for the time being, however, and will say little except that she is "definitely thinking about" a run for the new Senate seat against Marks.

Some political observers speculate that Migden has perhaps an even better shot at being the first openly gay and lesbian state legislator than Jones. Marks is not as politically formidable as Brown and not able to raise the huge amounts of money that Brown can command.

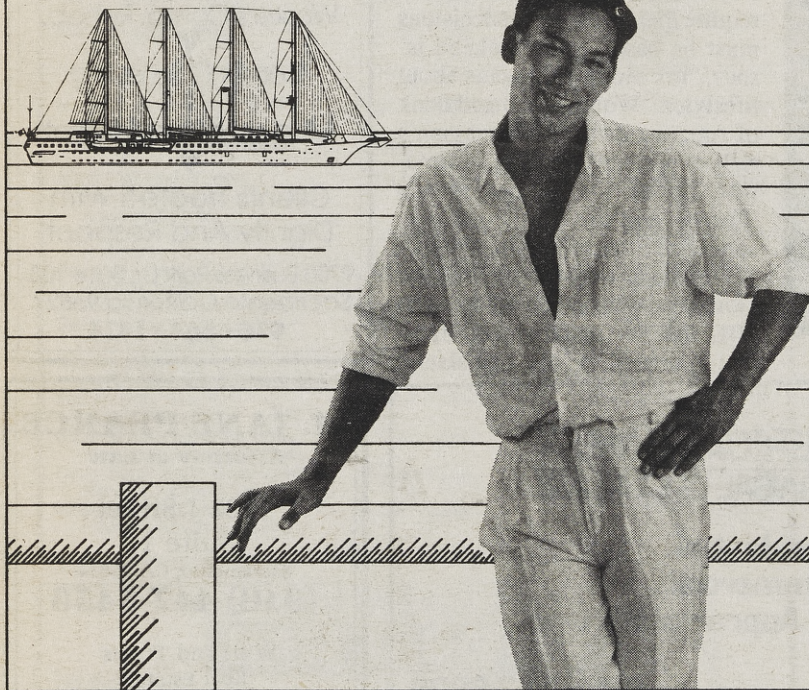
Moreover, as a Democratic Party loyalist, Migden could conceivably get Brown's endorsement in a Senate bid by agreeing to support Brown over Jones. Brown, possibly facing his toughest challenge in years, might find it politically expedient to accept such a trade in order to deny Jones as much gay and lesbian support as possible. Without a political constituency, Jones could find himself a sacrificial lamb to a Migden Senate bid, cut off from the necessary support by Democratic power brokers. ▼

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Chef Sues Over Alleged HIV Discrimination At Exclusive Club in San Jose

by Keith Clark
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — An executive chef who worked for more than six years at an exclusive private men's club here has filed a lawsuit against his former employer, the posh Sainte Claire Club, charging that he was illegally forced to quit last year after club officials learned he was infected with HIV.

According to the lawsuit filed by attorney Alice Philipson in behalf of the man, who is identified by the pseudonym "Stan Chef," the Sainte Claire Club's insurance firm illegally terminated his health insurance coverage after he filed a claim for more than \$20,000 because of his infection. Chef then claims he asked the club's manager, Jules Thiebaut, to help him with the medical bills, promising to keep his health status confidential.

But according to Chef's suit, Thiebaut talked with at least one club member and his HIV status then became known to other members on the club's board of directors who threatened to resign if Chef wasn't fired. Shortly afterward, according to the suit, Chef was offered \$30,000 to help with his medical bills if he resigned. Otherwise, Chef claims, he was told he would be fired immediately.

In preparing Chef's case,

Philipson said the club's insurance company had agreed to pay the man's outstanding medical bills. She said the insurer claimed they were unaware it was illegal in California to terminate health insurance for those who test positive for HIV. But even so, when the man ceased to be an employee of the Sainte Claire Club, his worker's policy was ended and the insurer says it will not be liable for future medical expenses.

Philipson said, "This is the worst case I've ever seen involving AIDS hysteria. The fact that other people are fearful is not grounds for discrimination. He [Chef] can't use Sainte Claire as a reference and can't explain what he's been doing for the past six years."

Several epidemiological studies indicate HIV cannot be transmitted through casual contact such as food preparation. Dr. Martin Fenstersheib, Santa Clara County's chief of communicable disease control, prepared a deposition as part of the lawsuit, maintaining that there is no medical reason to remove someone from a food-handling job because of HIV infection. "A food handler, routinely, in their everyday activity is not going to transmit the virus," Fenstersheib said.

Representatives of the club said they had not yet seen the lawsuit and could not comment on it.▼

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ber of threats" from around the state because of the action, which sparked rioting in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Sources in Wilson's office said they did not consider many of the threats serious, noting that several "gross packages" had been received because of the veto. But some of the threats - mailed and telephoned - were believed grave enough by Wilson's office to notify the State Police.

One threat that sources said the FBI is still investigating came from a gay man in Atlanta who posted a death threat against the governor on a computer network because of Wilson's veto.

One unconfirmed press report said an unnamed source in the investigation had said the bomb contained an angry note denouncing Wilson because of comments he had made connecting an influx of legal and illegal immigrants, particularly from Mexico, to budget deficit problems.

Other sources, however, suggested gay rights activists still would be considered prime suspects in the bomb attempt because of the continuing threats and the eruption of violence in San Francisco and Los Angeles following Wilson's veto.

Capitol sources said the unusual step of calling in police investigators from San Francisco and Los Angeles was probably taken because of rioting that broke out in those cities following the AB-101 veto by gay rights activists. State Police officials may have felt police officers familiar with more militant activists in the two cities could help in their investigation, sources in the capital said.▼

Fired Gay Stripper Files Suit Against Bank Of America

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — A fired Bank of America employee, who briefly worked after hours as a male stripper and erotic dancer, has filed a lawsuit against his former employer charging the bank with invasion of privacy, sexual-orientation discrimination and violating his rights of free speech and expression.

Attorney Paul Wotman filed the lawsuit in behalf of his client Michael Thomasson here Monday, Jan. 6, asking for \$1 million in contractual damages and an unspecified amount for punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Thomasson, who was employed at Bank of America for nearly three years as a senior legal secretary in the bank's San Francisco tax department, had received positive job performance reviews and merit raises from his supervisors throughout the time he worked at the bank. His most recent job evaluation, done only two months before he was fired, said Thomasson had "exceeded performance standards."

In June of last year, Thomasson found himself in need of some extra income and took a job as a stripper and erotic performer. Thomasson worked under the name "Adam Lovett" for about two months at the gay-oriented Nob Hill Cinema, which advertises itself as the "world's largest male sex emporium."

A co-worker at Bank of America found a letter by Thomasson to a friend in which he talked about his sexual orientation and his new after-hours job. A half-dozen or so of Thomasson's bank colleagues, including some of his supervisors, then went to the Nob Hill to see Thomasson's performance without his knowledge. Shortly afterward, Thomasson was fired.

Wotman will be arguing in the case that both state labor law and city anti-discrimination ordinances require that employment decisions must be based on job-related issues, "not moral judgments about lifestyles." Wotman also said Bank of America invaded Thomasson's right of privacy "by using information about Mr. Thomasson's lifestyle and his off-the-job personal activities to terminate him."

Wotman said that even though Gov. Pete Wilson had vetoed AB-101, the gay employment rights law approved by the Legislature

last year, state Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 have been interpreted by courts to bar employment bias based on sexual orientation and that local legislation, such as San Francisco's anti-discrimination laws, also forbid such employment prejudice.

Last year Wotman successfully represented Jeffrey Collins, a Shell Oil executive who was fired after 19 years with the firm when a co-worker found a note he had written about a gay safe-sex party Collins was hosting. A judge sharply criticized Shell's actions in awarding Collins \$5.3 million in damages, the largest single award for anti-gay discrimination in U.S. history.

Thomasson's suit charges Bank of America also violated his rights of free speech under the state's Bane Act, which prohibits violating the constitutional civil rights of a person. In the suit, Thomasson claims his erotic dancing is a form of free expression protected by the state and federal constitutions. It is believed the first time the recently passed Bane Act has been used as the basis for a civil rights violation.▼

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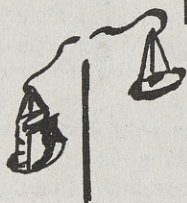
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S.F. Queer Nation Suspended

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — After little more than a year of splashy kiss-ins and headline-grabbing "queer visibility," the San Francisco chapter of Queer Nation has entered a two-month period of at least temporary invisibility as the radical street activist group went into a "hiatus" until March 4. The decision to put the group into limbo follows months of internal political problems in the organization. What remains unclear is whether the group will be able to revive itself in March or not.

Earlier in December long-simmering charges of racism, anti-Semitism and sexism boiled over with complaints that a "white patriarchal attitude" was ignoring women and minorities in the orga-

nization. Compounding the group's problems was the growing emphasis on "political correctness" that some members said virtually paralyzed Queer Nation here.

The organization emphasized making decisions by consensus, making it possible for a small handful of people to keep the group from taking actions that the majority wanted. After complaints that a few members of the group were dominating the entire membership, "vibe watchers" were named at meetings in an attempt to keep the often raucous debates from becoming too nasty and to stop speakers from dominating debates. At one point the group even insisted that anyone proposing an action had to do so in writing to prevent forceful speakers from "unduly influencing" the membership.

Arguments within the group became commonplace and intense and attendance at Queer Nation's weekly meetings flagged.

Ultimately, activists became deeply divided about basic questions of what the purposes of Queer Nation/SF were. Most QN members insisted "queer visibility" was always the group's purpose since it started up here only weeks after the first Queer Nation group formed in New York in 1990. But other Queer Nationals said the organization ignored problems of racism and sexism with the gay and lesbian community itself and wanted those issues to be the group's focus.

Following the Dec. 4 meeting, the group officially went on "hiatus" until March although the organization's telephone voice-mail line is still operating. Subgroups within Queer Nation/SF also have continued to meet during the time the group is on hold. This, some QN activists say, assures the group will in fact resurrect as scheduled.

Others, however, say Queer Nation is hopelessly fragmented and that the various subgroups themselves will simply replace the organization.

In the meantime, many former Queer Nationals are already in the process of forming a new direct-action organization called Outrage which they say will continue the colorful and flamboyant street actions the original Queer Nation quickly became noted for. ▽

Court Rules Anti-Gay Measure Illegal

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — In a precedent-setting decision, a three-judge panel of the California Fourth District Court of Appeals ruled unanimously Dec. 17 that removing gays and lesbians from local human rights legislation is a violation of the Constitution. The ruling could have wide implications for attempts elsewhere in the state to remove gays and lesbians from civil rights protections.

The judges affirmed a tentative Dec. 2 opinion that a Riverside, Calif., ordinance backed by anti-gay fundamentalists was unconstitutional because it would violate the constitutional rights of all citizens to equal protection under the law.

The Riverside initiative, spearheaded by the Traditional Values Coalition, would have stripped the city's human rights ordinance of any references to sexual orienta-

tion and would have required any future legislation dealing with sexual orientation to have voter approval before becoming law. The initiative never reached the ballot after the City Council refused to put the measure before the voters based on legal opinions that it was illegal. Supporters of the measure then sued the city to force them to put the initiative on the ballot.

A similar TVC-sponsored measure was narrowly approved by voters in Concord, Calif., in November and is now being challenged by opponents in court.

Legal experts say the appellate court ruling in Southern California could strongly influence the court challenge to the Concord law and possibly thwart any attempt to enact a similar voter initiative on a statewide level.

Supporters of the Riverside initiative have 30 days to file an expected appeal with the California Supreme Court. ▽

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Building Board of Appeals		Open Filing	7 members
Carmichael Community Planning Advisory Council		Open Filing	4 residents of area
Childrens Commission		Open Filing	1 youth member
Childrens Commission	2/3/92	2/14/92	5 seats
Cordova Community Planning	2/3/92	2/14/92	6 residents of area
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County Sanitation District		Open Filing	3 members
Sewer Rate Advisory Board		Open Filing	3 residents of area
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County Service Area #4C (Delta)		Open Filing	3 resident of area
County Service Area #4D (Herald-Alta Mesa)		Open Filing	6 seats
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council		Open Filing	5 residents of area
Elk Grove Community Planning Advisory Council	2/3/92	2/14/92	1 resident of area
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Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board		Open Filing	3 seats
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Mental Health Advisory Board		Open Filing	3 residents of area
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	2/3/92	2/14/92	4 residents of area
Noise Control Hearing Board		Open Filing	1 public member 1 gen contractor 1 resident of area
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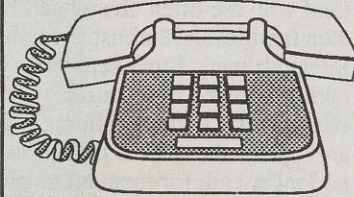
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HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox
MGW AIDS/HIV Editor

The "Competition" Is OK...

"Rival" AIDS editor Arturo Jackson, who writes for both Sacramento's *Latest Issue* and San Francisco's *Advocate*, survived a gay-bashing knife attack in December that punctured his lung, and has started back to work. Fortunately for those who rely on his research and writings in their fight to stay healthy, we were spared the loss of this bright light in the AIDS community. A speedy and complete recovery to you, Arturo.

New Dating Service...

"Being Alive," a Los Angeles-based AIDS organization, recently announced its monthly newsletter it was starting a program called "Connect," one of the country's first dating services for people with the AIDS virus. Over 100 people immediately responded, mostly gay and bisexual, but about 15 percent heterosexual. Los Angeles has reported 13,600 cases of AIDS since the official beginning of the epidemic in 1981; 9500 of those have died. Sacramento County reports 770 cases since 1981; over 250 Sacramentans are currently living with AIDS.

Social Security Rules Improved...

New Federal regulations will hopefully allow people with HIV infection (who are unable to perform "any substantial gainful activity" including such things as household chores) to be considered eligible to receive disability payments. An individual need not have full-blown AIDS to be found disabled, say Social Security officials. The new rules would permit officials to make "presumptive disability payments" immediately, and for a period of six months, to a person with HIV if medical evidence showed a high probability that the person was disabled.

Newer, Safer Needles...

San Francisco General Hospital will switch over the next six months to a new catheter needle that could reduce accidental AIDS infections among health care workers. The catheter, with a built-in protective sheath, is currently used only in the emergency room and by ambulance crews. The new Critikon catheter needles are about three times more expensive than conventional needles; they will be used

Ozone Treatment For HIV Brings Fraud Charges

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — A Marin County couple have been charged with fraud for marketing ozone generators, priced between \$2,900 and \$5,900, as an successful method of treating AIDS.

According to the district attorney's office, Kathryn and Martin Masters promoted the generators as health products in a "new age" catalog they published, called "New Edge," where it was touted for its ability to purify water. Ozone itself is a saturated form of oxygen formed by exposing it to ultraviolet radiation. A poison, ozone is commonly used to purify air and sterilize water, but has no known direct medical applications.

Charles Numark, the district attorney's fraud investigator, however, said Martin Masters tried to

throughout the entire hospital as soon as the medical staff is trained in how to use the new device.

The African Holocaust...

Over the next ten years, more than six million Africans will die of AIDS, and 14 million adults and four million children will become HIV-positive, according to the World Health Organization. In many African hospitals, 80 percent of the beds are allocated to people with AIDS, and at least 50 percent of these people are suffering from tuberculosis. Most Africans have become HIV-positive through heterosexual intercourse. The epidemic is at its worst there because of the combination of poverty (many men are forced to leave home to search for work, making prostitution quite common there), poor health care (in some areas, people get about \$2 worth per year), political upheaval, the ways in which the disease is transmitted (many heterosexual couples use unprotected anal intercourse as a method of birth control), and the loss of a great number of women, who have traditionally grown nearly all of the continent's food, but can no longer do so because of ill health (and who are often abandoned by their families and the husbands who infected them). But this epidemic is taking another devastating twist. Historically, African children who are orphaned or whose parents can no longer care for them are raised by other relatives, but this system is being stretched far beyond its capability because of the extreme poverty. Consequently, there is a growing number of deaths among HIV-negative African children who've been orphaned.

Military Ban OK'd...

The military is justified in banning gays from the armed forces to prevent the spread of AIDS and have a healthy national military, ruled a U.S. district court judge, who has publicly referred to gays as "homo's." He also said that if no one with a homosexual orientation is part of the Navy, then men and women can undress, bathe and use the bathroom without fear of being viewed as sexual objects.

How To Change A Life...

A Cincinnati, Ohio, man with HIV was convicted of assault after police say he spit tainted blood on them. Originally the man was accused of jaywalking, which soon became disorderly conduct. Officers apparently came into contact

sell him a generator over the phone, pitching its usefulness in treating AIDS. Numark had contacted the Masters couple, posing as a customer infected with HIV.

Numark said Masters "claimed to have four friends in San Francisco who were HIV-positive and now are HIV-negative" as a result of using the ozone generator purchased from the couple.

Numark said Masters also gave him detailed instructions on how to use the generator in treating HIV. "He went on to tell me exactly how to use it. He just flat prescribed treatment based on his machine."

The couple were unavailable for comment on the charges against them, but Numark said spurious AIDS treatments and cures are becoming increasingly common problems for fraud investigators, particularly in California where the epidemic has hit so hard. ▼

with the blood after they beat the man and taunted him for being gay. They wanted to charge him with attempted murder, but they couldn't prove to the judge that spitting infected blood can cause death (the assault conviction carries a penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine). Sheriff's officers denied using excessive force on the alleged jaywalker.

Parents Teaching Children...

A recent survey by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta shows that about two-thirds of parents have discussed AIDS with their adolescent children. However, about 25 percent of these people think you can get infected by giving blood. (You can't.)

Did You Know...

• Many people with 50 or fewer T-cells are tracing those bouts with night sweats, fever, fatigue, weight loss, weakness, and nausea to MAC (mycobacterium avium complex), now being treated fairly successfully with clarithromycin or azithromycin (people especially like that night sweats seem to be gone within days). Did you know, however, that clarithromycin can reduce AZT levels in the body by

one-third? AZT dosage probably has to be increased if clarithromycin is being used. (Consult your physician and decide together.)

• Thrush (candidiasis), a fungal infection that can be in the mouth, vagina, or esophagus, is treated by Mycelex troches, fluconazole, nystatin, clotrimazole, ketoconazole, itraconazole, and in severest cases with intravenous amphotericin-B. Did you know, however, that ketoconazole decreases the effectiveness of many of the drugs that are metabolized through the liver? It takes control of liver function with such tenacity that it can be toxic (fatal) if not continually monitored.

• Herpes simplex (painful blisters, itching of lips, anus or genitals) and herpes zoster (painful shingles on body) are treated with acyclovir (which taken on a daily basis works effectively as a preventative in many cases). People who are acyclovir-resistant can try trifluorothymidine (a topical solution), desiclovir, or intravenous foscarnet (often shingles respond only to foscarnet therapy). Did you know, however, that foscarnet can be highly damaging to the kidneys? If you're on this drug, consistently drink several extra glasses of water throughout the day to flush the

kidneys. And did you know that foscarnet dosages are based on your body weight? So if you gain or lose weight (say, five or more pounds), have your physician determine if your dosage is still correct (too little might not accomplish the job, and too much can lead to toxic side effects).

• Toxoplasmosis, which can lead to encephalitis (altered mental states, including delusions, paralysis, seizures, etc.), is being treated recently with azithromycin, but ordinarily with a combination of drugs which usually includes pyrimethamine. Did you know, however, that pyrimethamine may not be well absorbed when using DDI at the same time?

Have You Been Tested Yet?...

Start the new year off right and find out your health status so you can stay healthy. There's nothing to be gained by finding out the hard way, by being hospitalized with an infection that could have been prevented in the first place. Be good to yourself; take a friend with you.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his oversight of this column. ▼

Attorney General's Probe Clears S.F. AIDS Agency

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — The California attorney general's office has wrapped up a 10-month investigation into Project Open Hand, one of the largest AIDS service agencies here, exonerating the charity of allegations that Open Hand officers had misappropriated funds during the first three years of its operations.

Last February a gay weekly paper here precipitated an attorney general's review when it published charges by former Open Hand board chairman Irving Zaretsky that thousands of dollars in cash donations were not properly accounted for between 1985 and 1988 and that funds from grants to the organization were used for other purposes.

A letter to Open Hand from the attorney general's office concluded there was "no evidence of any illegal expenditure of funds or inurement to officers." The investigation added, however, that the agency's accounting procedures

between 1985 and 1988 raised "the potential for abuse," but found no evidence of misuse of funds.

Steve Burns, Open Hand's executive director, said the agency had expected the attorney general's probe to find minor accounting problems with the organization's bookkeeping procedures when it was first organizing. Burns said the agency had already corrected the accounting problems cited in the attorney general's audit.

The allegations of financial wrongdoing, according to Zaretsky's charges, took place during the period that Open Hand's charismatic founder, Ruth Brinker, was the organization's chief officer who took Open Hand from being an obscure, nickel-and-dime operation to one of the city's major AIDS service providers. In 1990 the agency, which delivers more than 2,000 meals weekly to people with AIDS, had an operating budget of \$4.8 million with 57 employees and hundreds of volunteer workers. Several other U.S. cities have since set up Open Hand programs. ▼

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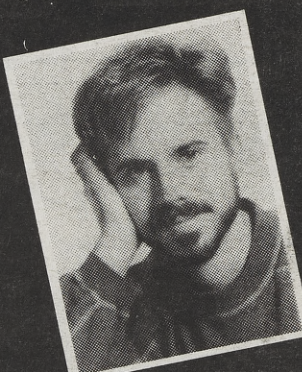
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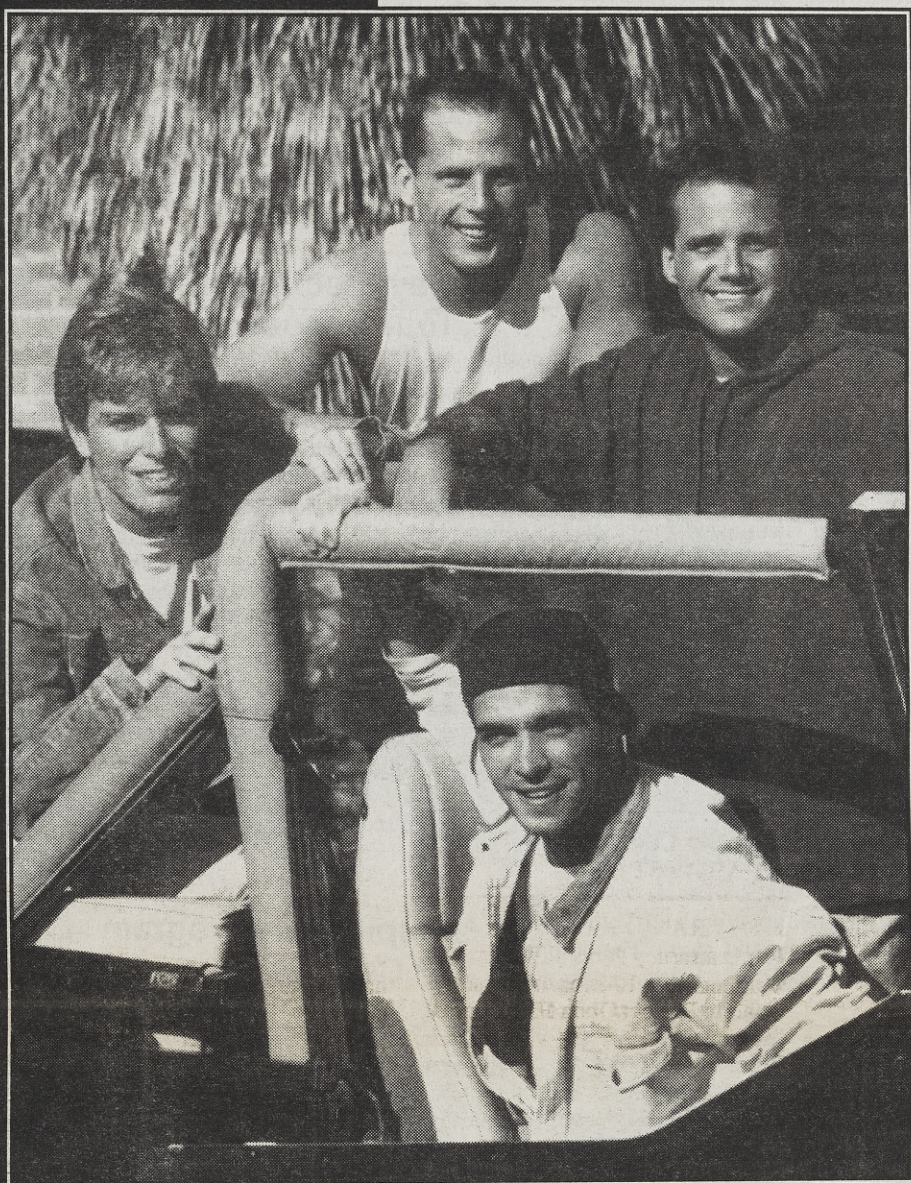
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media watch

by Hollie Conley
OF GLADD/SFBA

Texas Texts

The Texas Board of Education is about to make a decision which will influence what the nation's next generation is taught about the lesbian/gay community. On January 9 and 10 the Board will hold final public hearings regarding new history and social science texts for the public schools; since Texas is (along with California) one of the two largest textbook markets in the country, the books selected there are heavily promoted to, and frequently adopted by, the rest of the country. None of the books up for consideration have fair or accurate information about lesbian, gay or bisexual people. For the most part we are omitted altogether. A few brave activists will be testifying before the Board in Austin and they need letters from around the country to back them up!

Write the Board Chairman immediately and condemn this continued censorship of the truth about our contributions to society and history. Demand that the Board require supplementary materials on lesbian, gay and bisexual history. Tell them that centuries of lies and omission like this are the cause of the violence and discrimination our community faces daily. Appeal to their decency as human beings and their responsibility as educators.

Write to Carolyn Honea Crawford, Chairman, State Board of Education, Texas Education Agency, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin TX 78701.

Please send copies of your letters to Project 21, c/o GLAAD/SFBA. Project 21 is a coalition of groups organized by GLAAD to promote textbook reform nationwide.

SJ Mercury News

The South Bay Committee of GLAAD/SFBA has been working hard to get the *San Jose Mercury News* to change their discriminatory policy of publishing announcements of heterosexual commitment ceremonies but refusing announcements of gay or lesbian ones. They say that our partnerships have no legal recognition, but just because the law is unfair (providing special privileges for heterosexual unions) is no justification for a newspaper to add insult to injury.

Write as soon as possible to Anne Hurst, Deputy Managing Editor, Features Department, San Jose Mercury News, 750 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95190. Send a copy of your letter to Larry Jinks, Publisher, at the same address. Call them both at 408-920-5000.

Prime Time Live

On December 19 the ABC News show Prime Time Live devoted a segment to gay Dr. Simon LeVay and his research relating sexual orientation to the structure of the hypothalamus. There were things to praise and to damn about ABC's treatment of the issue. On the one hand it was a relief that they

didn't dig up any neurotic preachers to attack our health or morality. They offered an intelligent range of scientific perspectives, as well as testimony from lesbians and gays about the depth and immutability of our difference from heterosexuals. LeVay's father David, also a doctor, offered unusual opinions: he expressed the notion that he finds homosexuality "abhorrent," but declared that his son's relationship with his lover Richard showed "love and devotion on a scale I've never seen before, and of which I would be incapable." Jay Schadler, the reporter, challenged the elder LeVay intelligently.

On the downside, the language of the report was relentlessly heterosexist, repeatedly stating that LeVay's study addressed the cause of homosexuality, instead of the cause of sexual orientation. Displaying a picture of Freud, the reporter said "Ever since Freud, psychologists have tried to link male homosexuality with events and behavior in early childhood." Of course they've also tried to link heterosexuality with childhood experiences, but apparently ABC assumes its audience thinks our sexual orientation is the only one that needs an explanation. Schadler also asked LeVay the obligatory silly heterosexual questions, like "Were you ever interested in women?" and "Have you ever had a heterosexual experience?" All this may be rationalized by the public's ignorance about homosexuality, but who's fault is that, if not the media's?

Give ABC your feedback on this show by writing to Rick Kaplan, Executive Producer, Prime Time Live, ABC News, 47 W. 66th St., N.Y., NY 10023.

L.A. Law

Any rumors that the NBC series *L.A. Law* intended to drive the bisexual character C.J. Lamb back into the closet (her coming out last season caused an uproar among the fundamentalists) were put to rest on the December 19 episode. In that show C.J.'s former lover Maggie was fighting her ex-husband David for custody of their two children. We learned that Maggie and C.J. had fallen in love while Maggie was still married to David, and that they're still carrying torches for each other.

The episode had several great scenes. When the judge, digging for signs that her mother's lesbianism was damaging, asked Jenny, the 12 year old daughter, how she felt about her mom and C.J. being together, she simply said "They don't fight like my mom and dad." In another scene C.J. and Tommy, one of the heterosexual attorneys, compared their love problems on an equal footing that was refreshing to see. The final scene showed C.J. showing up at Maggie's house—apparently to continue their relationship.

Encourage these developments by writing to Patricia Green, Executive Producer, *L.A. Law*, 20th Century Fox, 10201 W. Pico Blvd., Building 80, Room 26, Los Angeles, CA 90035, tel. 213-203-1361.

Fortune

The December 16 issue of *Fortune* magazine features a great cover story, "Gay in Corporate America: What it's like, and how business attitudes are changing." In an opening editorial statement, managing editor Marshall Loeb explains why he wanted to do the issue about gays: "Because they have special concerns on the job. Because business must make the most of everyone's talent and prides itself in managing diversity in the workplace. And because homosexuals surely deserve as much opportunity as any other minority."

Details

The January 1992 edition of the men's magazine *Details* contains an excellent story about homophobic bigotry in the military. Entitled "The Gay Marine", the piece includes a profile of a marine that was ousted for being gay, an overview of the outing of Assistant Secretary of Defense Pete Williams, and an analysis of the hypocrisy of the homophobic policy. Write to Alan Weitz, Managing Editor, *Details*, 632 Broadway, N.Y. NY 10012.

20/20

On Friday, November 30, the ABC new show 20/20 covered the Cracker Barrel controversy. Last year Cracker Barrel ordered all its restaurants to identify and fire all lesbians and gays. The company assured 20/20 that they are an equal opportunity employer, but emotional interviews of gays and lesbians that were fired due to their sexual orientation were in sharp contrast to the company's supposed equality. Barbara Walters, at the end of the segment, vowed to boycott this company.

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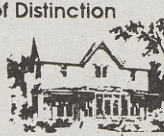
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California Church and HIV Testing

San Francisco Glide Memorial Methodist Church has begun offering HIV testing, after the announcement by basketball star Magic Johnson that he is HIV positive. More than 55 people have received the AIDS antibody test at GLIDE. Since then, 78 people have received counseling about the HIV disease and safe sex kits including information and condoms were distributed to over 320 people. The test site is funded by the San Francisco Health Department.

—B.A.R.

Gay Elected Officials Tour Schools

The Board of Education Commissioner Tom Ammiano and Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg were among the dozen local officials that visited local schools as part of Elected Officials Day on December 3, 1991. More than 12 elected officials visited the schools and gave speeches on their roles and duties and answered students questions. Achtenberg visited Jefferson School on Irving Street and Ammiano visited Lakshore on Middlefield Drive. A non-profit educational group, The San Francisco School Volunteers, coordinated the event.

—B.A.R.

Respite Care Program for Caregivers

Friends or family members that need a break from caregiving duties for a loved one with AIDS/HIV may be eligible for the Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco. Caregivers may use the support to go to work, take a vacation or just enjoy time off from their caregiving responsibilities. Those who are uninsured or underinsured, those with a history of substance abuse, ethnic minorities, or who live in residential hotels are given top priority. For more info. call the VNH Attendant Care Services at 861-8705.

—B.A.R.

Anti-Gay Group Charged With Assault

The Anti-gay Oregon Citizens Alliance was sued by the photographer for the Portland gay paper *Just Out*. The photographer alleged she was assaulted by the group's spokesman. She is seeking \$350,000 in damages. She was allegedly assaulted when she was forced to leave a showing of an OCA videotape that links homosexuality with deviant sexual behavior. The OCA hopes to distribute 10,000 copies of the video in its fight against civil right protection for gays.

—Frontiers

George Michael Donates to AIDS

Pop music star George Michael is donating part of the proceeds from his upcoming single to a number of charities, including two San Francisco AIDS agencies. Elton John's hit "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me", has been remade by Michael. Royalties will go to The San Francisco AIDS Foundation and Project Open Hand. Five other charities will also receive proceeds from monies generated from this single.

—Frontiers

Tasmanian Gays Push For Sodomy Overturn

The tasmanian Gay and lesbian rights Group will ask the U.N. Human Rights Committee in Geneva to prod the Australian government to overturn Tasmania's sodomy law. The Gay organization said the law violates citizens' right to privacy, sexual treatment under the law and freedom from discrimination based on sexual orientations. Tasmania is the only state where gay sex remains illegal.

—Frontiers

Delta Interview Question Assailed

Union President Brian Moreau said that 200 to 300 members complained that Delta Airlines has been asking illegal questions of former Pan Am employees. These questions include their sexual orientation, living arrangements, and prescription drug use. Delta Spokesman Neil Monroe said that the airline conducted its investigation only to ensure that applicants meet FAA requirements.

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Gus Guichard, Sacramento AIDS Foundation President, received a \$7,000 check from Marty Martinez. The funds were raised at the 3rd annual "Sacramento Summer Ball."



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Robert Rever, President of Calfarm Life Insurance Company, presented a \$25,000 donation to Carol Casaday, Executive Director of Sacramento's Chemical Dependency Center for Women. The check represented a \$12,500 donation from "Insure", a non-profit AIDS foundation sponsored by the American Council of Life Insurance and The Health Insurance Association of America. The additional \$12,500 consisted of matching funds from the Sierra Foundation.

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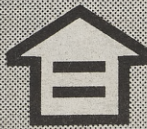
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Flatfoot Returns

by Flatfoot, Private Dyke

It was a cold and windy night. The silver crescent moon was stingy with its light. Leaves smashed against the windshield of my generic four-door family car as I wended my way down familiar city streets. The empty child restraint seat behind me cast an eerie blur in the rearview mirror. I was out, on a Saturday night, alone with the Woman of My Dreams, child-free. It should have been an occasion for celebration. Instead, I was filled with dread.

Our destination: *Snow White Ball*.

It all started a week before. It was 6 A.M. The phone rang. I stumbled out of bed, tripping over a toy truck and a Marge Simpson doll. The Woman of My Dreams yanked the covers over her head. I grabbed the phone and fell on the bed face-first. Pain shot through my head, blood streamed into my eyes. I picked a Lego out of my forehead. "Flatfoot!" shrieked the voice on the phone.

I stared at the phone. A voice I hadn't heard in six years, but a shriek I'd heard often in my wildest nightmares. The Voice from The Abyss.

"Burner," I growled. Then, from down the hall, rose a wail, a wail of such misery and anguish it was as if all the Banshees from hell had come to call.

The Voice cackled, "Hope I didn't wake you, Flatfoot. I figured you'd be up by now, changing diapers, burping, whatever you do with rug rats."

By then the wail had turned to screams.

"What are you stabbing the kid with, Flatfoot? A fork?"

"That's so like you Burner.

You've always had such a way with kids." I grabbed the end of a sheet and tied a pressure bandage around the deep, bloody gash on my head. The Woman of My Dreams crawled out of bed and down the hall. In a minute the screaming stopped.

"To what do I own the honor of this call, Burner?" My head was pounding but the bleeding had slowed down.

"It's time you came out of retirement, Flatfoot. Cut out this motherhood and house-dyke routine. Enough with play dates and diaper wipes and poop reports. Come back to the real world. Get a real job. Get a life!"

The Woman of My Dreams crawled back into the room with the object of all this scorn, our darling little two-year-old Jessica-Fletcher, hanging onto her neck like a tiny cowgirl, baby bottle dangling from her lips. The two climbed into bed. The Woman of My Dreams began to snore, Jessica-Fletcher slurped, and a lump formed in my throat.

"There is no more important job in the world than that of mother," I snapped.

"Flatfoot, you're so *retro*! What's happened to you? Is this what the Lesbian Nation has come to—a bunch of mushy headed mommies staying at home, clipping coupons and watching Sesame Street? Answer me, Flatfoot—where are the dykes on Sesame Street!"

Jessica-Fletcher had finished off her bottle and was trying to rip open her other mother's eyelids.

"Burner, did you call to read me the Queer Nation riot act, or is there something you want?"

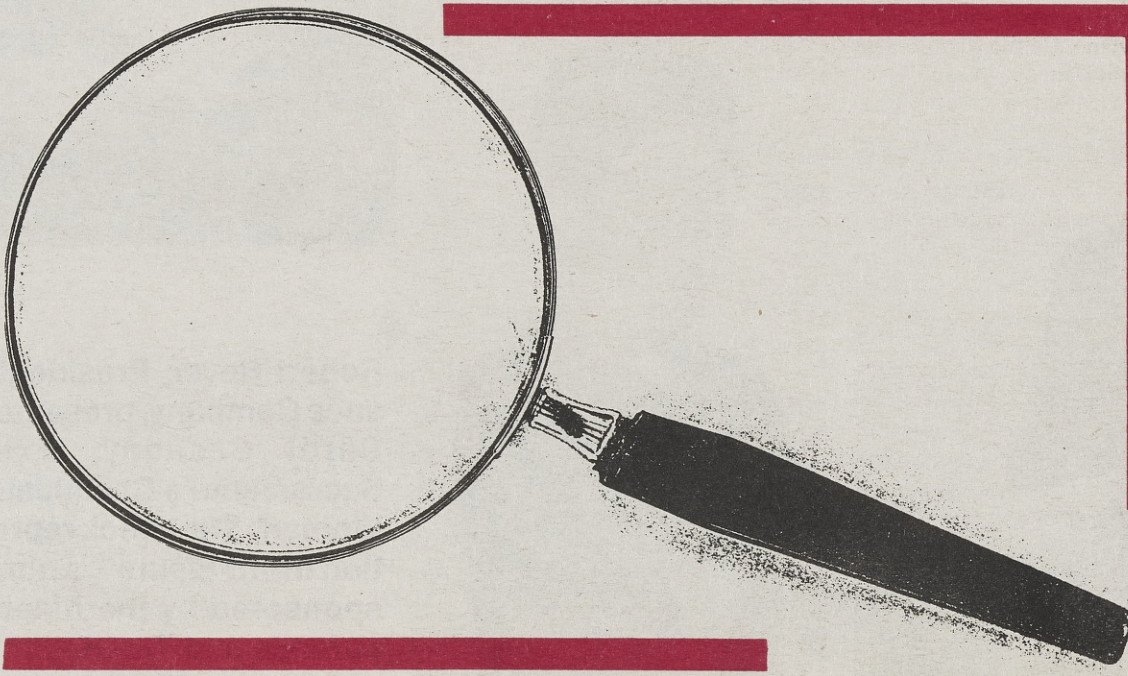
She got to the point. "The Snow White Ball is this Saturday. And if you care at all about Little Flatfoot Junior's future, you'd better show up."

"Is that some kind of a threat?" I snarled. "You do anything to hurt Jessica-Fletcher and I will personally see to your premature and agonizing demise."

"Chill, Flatfoot. I mean her financial future. We have an opportunity to make a tidy sum on

the colorful history of my Snow Bash. Interested parties will be there on Saturday to close the deal. However, there are some chiseling scum bags in this community who think they can ace me out of this deal. Steal the story of my ball right out from under my nose. I'll die first!"

I paused a minute. The thought had more than a little appeal.



"Flatfoot," she sneered, "try to track this picture: The Snow White Ball. Classy dames in gorgeous threads. Intrigue. Crime. Bloodshed. Murder. Thrills. Movie rights! Paperback rights! Serial rights! Enough to retire on. And someone wants to cash in on our story!"

The "our" grabbed me. She was referring, of course, to the colorful and lurid history of the Snow White Ball of years gone by, of which I had no small part. First the murder of Snow White herself. The Revenge of Rose Red. Then the Seven Dwarfs and their crazy capers. My brain sloshed with the memories.

"So you're saying that you'll cut me into this bonanza if I show up and . . ."

"If you show up and make sure that the competition doesn't get to the Hollywood moguls first," she barked.

I looked at the Woman of My Dreams, her hair a lovely tousled mop, her limpid brown eyes staring glassily at me in her early morning stupor. Little Jessica-Fletcher had fallen back to sleep, all 31 inches of her lying horizontally dead center in her mother's connubial bed. It had been a long time since we had shed the role of mommy and tripped the light fantastic. A long time.

"OK, Burner," I growled. I'll be there."

We sat a moment in the underground parking garage of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon State Office Building, where inside the Snow Bash was in full swing. From the pocket of my long, black, regulation Private Dyke trenchcoat I pulled a folded sheet of paper and tapped it on the steering wheel.

"What's that?" asked the Woman of My Dreams. As my able-bodied assistant she, too, was garbed in a regulation trenchcoat. But underneath she was dressed to impress, wearing her formal rhinestone-studded tool-belt left over from her Phone Company repair days. It was draped provocatively around her lovely waist, a perfect accessory for her simple black trousers and sapphire blue blouse. My blood churned at the thought.

"A list of suspects," I replied. "Burner sent it. People she thinks are out to rip off the Snow Ball story. People she doesn't trust."

The Woman of My Dreams peered at the list. "It sure is long." I laughed, cruelly. "It ought to be." I stuffed the list back into my pocket and planted a big one on her lips. "Let's go to work, sweetheart."

A chamber music ensemble played lilting Baroque Christmas ditties as two tuxedoed sentries greeted us at the entrance. One grabbed our tickets, the other, a distinguished, the other, a distinguished looking gray haired woman, offered a brief orientation:

"Welcome to the Snow White Ball. We hope you have a pleasant evening. At the table to your right you will find sparkling water, juice, milk, herbal tea and yogurt smoothies. Oh, dear, and some champagne, if you really have to have it. Dancing will be downstairs, and upstairs you will find a smorgasbord of healthy, nutritious snacks, particularly for those of you who must drink alcohol. A variety of

eyes.

The Woman of My Dreams pulled me aside. "You'd better get to work. They're on The List, too," she whispered, nodding at the Chief Associate and her Jewel of Eire.

As we wended our way to the coat rack, a pert little package of pulchritude popped into my path. "Flatfoot, the contract is ready to sign, but I can't find the moguls!" It was Rose the Trailer, Burner's mouthpiece, waving a yellow legal pad covered with "whereases" and "therefores" and "part of the first parts" and other legalese I couldn't make out.

"Just who are these moguls and what do they look like?" I grilled her.

"I never met them. They're from L.A. Start looking for two women with good tans."

"Which is the part that says how much I'm gonna get?" I said, straining to read the legal-beagle

bullroar.

"Later," waved The Trailer as she jogged away. "Just find the moguls."

"Moguls, schmoguls," I muttered as we hung up our trenchcoats. "What is this, the Winter Olympics?"

We scored some low-fat, whole-grain crackers and free-range cheese at the munchies table, and then wandered back towards the escalators. The crowd had thickened, and, so it appeared, had the plot. For amidst the stunning stew of spangles and serge stood two women—tall and tan and young and lovely, the girls from L.A. were walking, and when they pass everyone who passes goes aaaaaahhhhhhhhh.....

A sharp object jabbed my side and I doubled over in pain.

"Flatfoot," hissed the Woman of My Dreams. "quit mouth-breathing! Over there—on the dance floor—two tall and tan and young and lovely . . ."

I snapped out of my middle-aged reverie. "Let's go!"

We glided down and on to the dance floor just as the band struck up "I Heard It Through the Grapevine." Transported, I went into my Pips imitation, as the Woman of My Dreams turned crimson. She grabbed my arm.

"Look, can you bag the Big Chill routine and stay alert? Tall and tan and young and lovely, the girls from L.A. are walking right on up the escalator and out of sight!"

We elbowed our way through the maddening crush of writhing revelers, the older ones bopping like geriatric alumnae from "Soul Train," the younger ones hip-hopping moves my body never knew existed. Ah, youth, I lamented silently, how dost thou fleeting flame flicker . . .

"Come on," the Woman of My Dreams barked, as she yanked my rooted feet off the dance floor and over to the up-escalator.

They were nowhere in sight at the top.

We stood a moment and watched the flow of femininity. Slinking by were two sexy greeting-card models-by-night, hair stylists-by-day, stunning in black peek-a-booo lace. They waved at us merrily, as the Woman of My Dreams reminded me, "They're on The List."

Staking out a table near the balcony were a flotilla of foothill

lovelies, wearing their trademark denim tuxedos, string ties and darling Apple Hill pie-shaped earrings. Over in a corner a group of energetic women with matching cowgirl hats and boots practices their two-stepping. "You know, most of those women are on The List, too," remarked my Dreamgirl.

Suspects up the wazoo—and no sign of two tall and tan and young and lovely moguls from L.A.

Suddenly, I spied them, across the room, accompanied by Rosie the Trailer and none other than Burner herself, laughing and chatting as they disappeared down a hallway marked with a sign saying "Support Groups— This Way."

And then it came to me, unexpected, unwanted; like a bad dream; like a picture of yourself 20 pounds heavier, wearing bell bottoms, embroidered workshirt and Birkenstocks, a picture you thought you'd burned long ago; like an old girlfriend who calls you up in the middle of the night and wants her k.d. lang C.D.'s back, right now, and there you are snuggled up to your new love, who used to go out with this particular old girl-friend's ex-lover, right after they broke up, but before the lawsuit was settled; like . . .

"Flatfoot!" yelled the Woman of My Dreams. "If you don't stop trancing out we'll never find the tall and tan and young and lovely moguls, and we'll never have enough to send little Jessica-Fletcher to college!"

I looked at her wearily. My years as a Private Dyke had revealed more than I ever wanted to know about the underbelly of human nature. And here it was, staring at me once again.

"Follow me," I sighed.

We threaded our way to the Hall of Support Groups until we came to a closed door, guarded by someone I wasn't surprised to see.

"Hello, Swede," I said dully. It was Burner's main squeeze, the straight-arrow, no-nonsense Swede, who I had thought might be able to keep Burner on the up-and-up. But maybe I was wrong.

"Hello, Flatfoot," said the Swede.

"Swede," I said, "What's a nice girl like you doing with a babe like that?"

The door opened then. "We need some food in here," shrieked Burner from inside. "This money-making is hungry work!" Her cackle chilled my bones.

I barged my way past the Swede. Inside sat Burner, The Trailer, and two tall and tan and young and lovely moguls from L.A., heads bent over reams of legal papers.

"Flatfoot!" Burner yelled. "I was just going to find you."

"Sure," I snarled. "You figured since I was knee-deep in suspects, I'd lose track of what was really going on. You were never gonna cut me in, Burner."

One tall and tan and young and lovely mogul raised her blonde head and said, "You're Flatfoot? We were led to believe you were dead! Killed by a crazed Dwarf at the last Snow White Ball!"

"Flatfoot, trust me!" cried Burner. "It made a good story! Believe me, I was gonna take care of you and Little Flatfoot Junior later!"

I shook my head. "Save your breath, Burner. I have just one question. Why did you bother to get me here tonight? You could have pulled off this little scam, and I'd have stayed in the dark."

Burner's gaze flickered over my head. I turned around. It was the Swede, bearing plates of cholesterol-free paté and low-cal Brie.

"She made me do it," Burner muttered. "Serves me right for hooking up with an honest woman."

I looked at the Swede. She shrugged. "Paté?" she offered.

If the Snow Bash saga ever makes it to the silver screen, little Jessica-Fletcher can go to Stanford, and I can retire with the Woman of My Dreams to Maui. If the comic book sells, I can set up a Flatfoot Scholarship in Criminal Justice at the university of my choice. I think Kathleen Turner would make a perfect Flatfoot. I wanted to put that into the contract, but the moguls wouldn't let me.

Hollywood types. Than can make you crazy. ▼

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Sacramento AIDS Foundation Hosts Benefit In The Capitol Club

by Brian Ashby
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation hosted a benefit to raise money at the Capitol Club on December 22nd. 350 people attended the gala event and raised over \$17,000 for the cause. The diverse crowd included representatives from fields such as business, medical, political, and community service. Master of Ceremonies Mitch Truswell of Channel 40 and Mistress of Ceremonies Joyce Mitchell of Channel 13 emphasized the projection that by the year 2000, 50% of all people infected by HIV will be women.

The overall message of this event was to unify as many segments of the community as possible in the fight against a disease of humanity, not just a disease of

gay men. A special presentation by Sherri Bolling of an AIDS Memorial symbolizing the past, present, and future of AIDS research, treatment, and education followed. Attendees were invited to light candles atop the memorial while singer Linda Snook performed an original song, titled *Let the Miracle Begin*. When asked about the success of the benefit, SAF Development Director Patty Blomberg extended her praise to SAFboard members Celia Knutsen, Mark Viviano, Carole Baptist, Jan Jones, Ruth Hanners, Susan Evans and Tom Des Rosier. "In particular, Tom Des Rosier's fund raising skills are extraordinary" she said. Tom, a mortgage broker for Partner Mortgage Co., began organizing this event last summer. ▼



Photo Brian Ashby

Benefit organizers: Celia Knutsen, Mark Viviano, Tom DesRosier, Jan Jones, Ruth Hanners, Carole Baptist and Susan Evans.



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Attendees at S.A.F. benefit.



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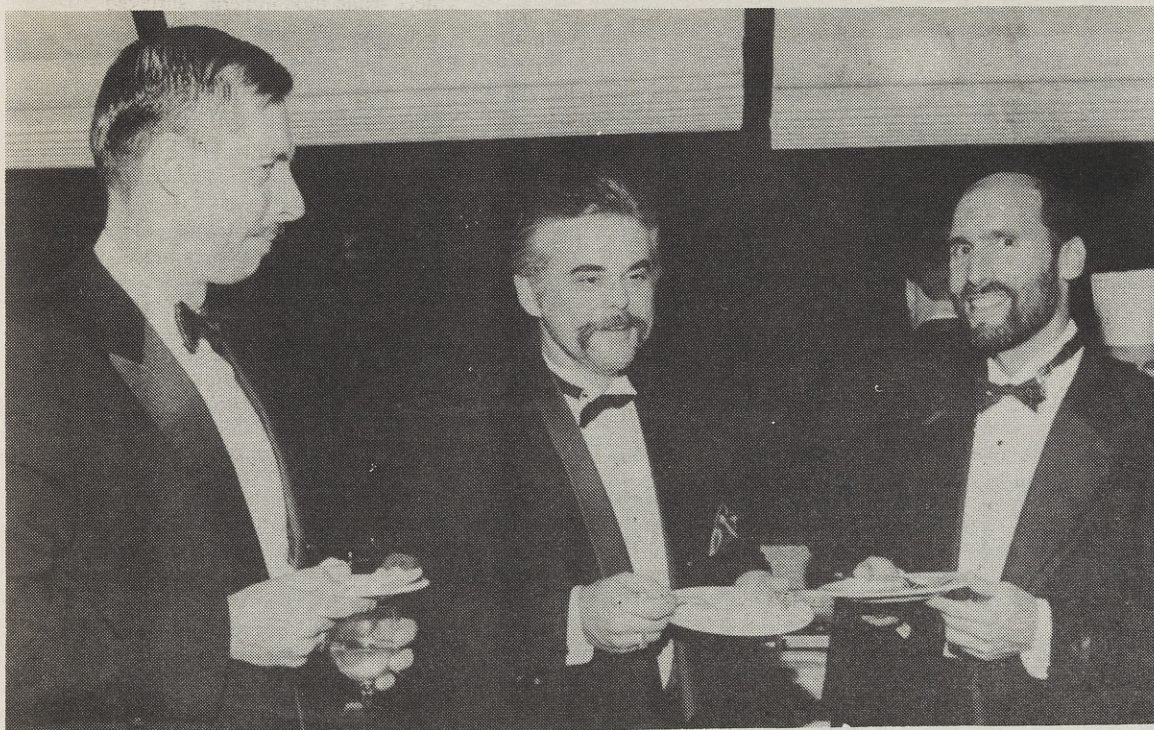


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Paul Curtis, Bob Cardoza and Art Katz attending the S.A.F. benefit.



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Linda Birner, publisher of Mom Guess What Newspaper and Gus Guichard at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation benefit.



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Designer Dennis Hayworth and friends.

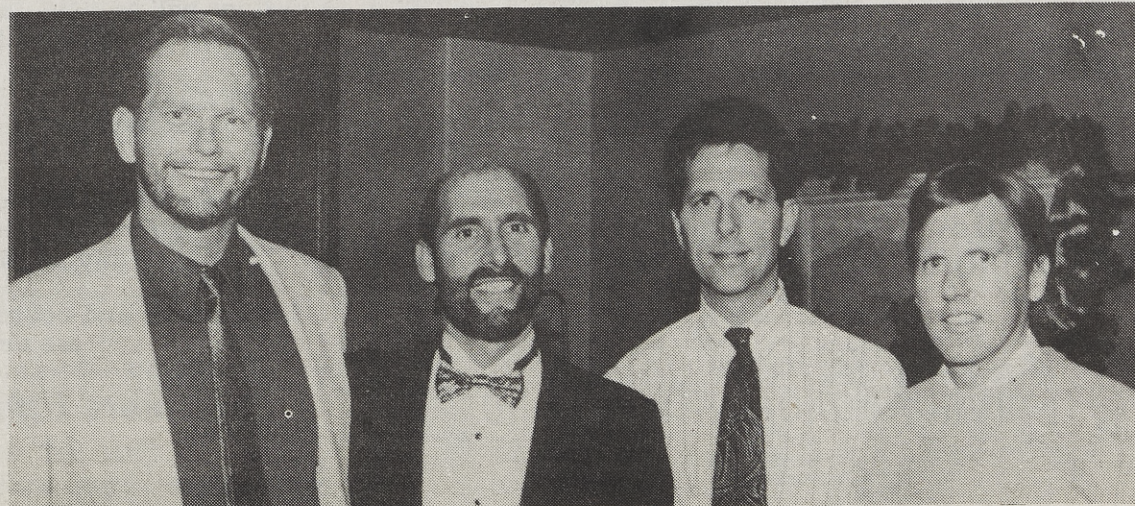


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Jeff Greer, Art Katz, Ted Garellis & Bill Morgan.

Consumer Group Urges Pulling The Plug On '900' Phone Sex Lines

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Consumer Action, a consumer advocacy organization here, has recommended that telephone long-distance carriers discontinue billings for all "problematic" 900 adult phone services, saying that if the carriers couldn't monitor the phone lines to determine which ones are offering phone sex services that it will request federal regulations to protect consumers.

The three major long-distance carriers - AT&T, MCI and US Sprint - all say they have either discontinued billings for such sexually oriented phone services or never permitted such lines to begin with. But scores of ads for such telephone sex lines can be found in most of the country's gay news publications every week, although an increasing number of the adult phone services have been switching over to

toll-free 800 numbers with charges for the calls being billed to callers' credit cards.

Mark Foster of Consumer Action says the switch-over to credit card and other billings is exactly what Consumer Action wants to see happen in the adult phone industry. "Almost anyone - including children - can pick up a telephone and call an adult 900 number without realizing the charges involved," Foster said. "But having a credit card almost invariably implies that you're an adult and are aware you'll be charged for the service. We have no desire to drive the adult phone lines out of business."

Foster said a recent Consumer Action survey found 220 ads for "suggestive" 900 numbers, with more than half being billed by AT&T, 70 billed by US Sprint 26 by MCI, and a small handful by other long distance carriers.

The long distance carriers insist that they have discontinued

billings to all such sexually oriented 900 numbers and that operators who are using the lines for such services will be shut down if they find the content of the phone lines is sexual.

The problem, according to Consumer Action, is that the long distance companies do not monitor the content or the advertising of its 900 numbers adequately or they would realize how extensive the industry still is.

Officials with AT&T say they have recently set up a team of employees to investigate complaints about 900 numbers and monitor the phone lines' advertising and services more closely. ▼

'Love' Artist Sued Over Kiddie Sex

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

ROCKLAND, Maine — The artist who created the post-Hippie "LOVE" logo that became so common in the 1970s that the U.S. Postal Service used it for its first class postage stamp has been sued by a man claiming the graphic artist hired him for sex when he was a child.

Jason Marriner filed a lawsuit in this small coastal town charging that artist Robert Indiana first hired him to have sex when Marriner was only 12 years old and continued to pay him over a period of years for additional sexual encounters.

Indiana's attorney, Jean Chalmers, called the allegations in the lawsuit "utter balderdash" and hinted that the artist may countersue over the sensation charges.

Marriner's suit is seeking unspecified damages from Indiana for emotional distress as a result of the early sexual encounters he says the two had. ▼

Bus-Stop Billboards To Fight Gay-Bashings

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Community United Against Violence (CUAV), the non-profit anti-violence group, will soon begin what it says will be a "shocking" public ad campaign aimed at combating growing violence against gays and lesbians here.

Later this month CUAV will launch a series of bus-stop billboards at the locations where some of the worst assaults during the past year have occurred.

Drawn from CUAV's own files describing incidents of anti-gay violence here, the agency hopes the sometimes chilling descriptions of the attacks will increase awareness of the need to stop homophobic violence.

One billboard reads, "Two guys just walked up and started beating me. I got huge bruises on my eyes and body. I still have blurred vision ... Now I'm afraid to be alone."

Other billboards in the campaign detail similar first-hand accounts of assaults. One victim tells of being shot while walking down the street, another describes how teenage thugs nearly killed him

when they threw him through the windshield of a parked car.

"Our intent is to shock people into the overdue realization that the threat of homophobic violence is present for everyone, everywhere," said Andrew Mead, a member of CUAV's board of directors. "It's not just gays and lesbians who are attacked. Anyone who is believed to be gay or who is in an area perceived to be gay is at risk."

CUAV statistics indicate anti-gay violence jumped 29 percent last year. National figures also show anti-gay violence has tripled between 1985 and 1989, the most recent available figures.

Barbara Cameron, executive director of CUAV, said, "We suspect the reports we receive are just the tip of the iceberg. We want people to start reporting so they can get services."

The billboard ads, created without charge by the prestigious advertising agency of Young & Rubicam, are being put up at spots donated by Gannett Outdoor Media which handles municipal bus-stop advertising spaces.

The billboards include the 24-hour hotline number CUAV operates. ▼

NGLTF Announces Opening For Grassroots Organizer

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute (NGLTFPI) has announced a nationwide search for a Grassroots Organizer. The position will begin in April, 1992. Resumes for this position must be received by Friday, February 7, 1992 in the NGLTFPI office.

The NGLTFPI organizer will

work at the state and local level in the areas of civil rights, sodomy law repeal, military and anti-gay/lesbian violence. The organizer will provide political strategy development and implementation, technical assistance and direct grassroots organizing support of gay and lesbian activists and non-gay allies. The salary range is \$28,000-\$35,000, plus generous health, vacation and compensatory time benefits.

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- Experience working with local and state organizations to achieve goals; experience building coalitions with gay and non-gay allies; experience in developing strategies to work with policy makers.
- Excellent media, writing, research and communications skills.
- Skills in working cooperatively with a wide range of people; ability to respect different strategies and support local priorities; flexibility, openness to political disagreement and adaptability; sense of humor welcome, travel enthusiasm a must.

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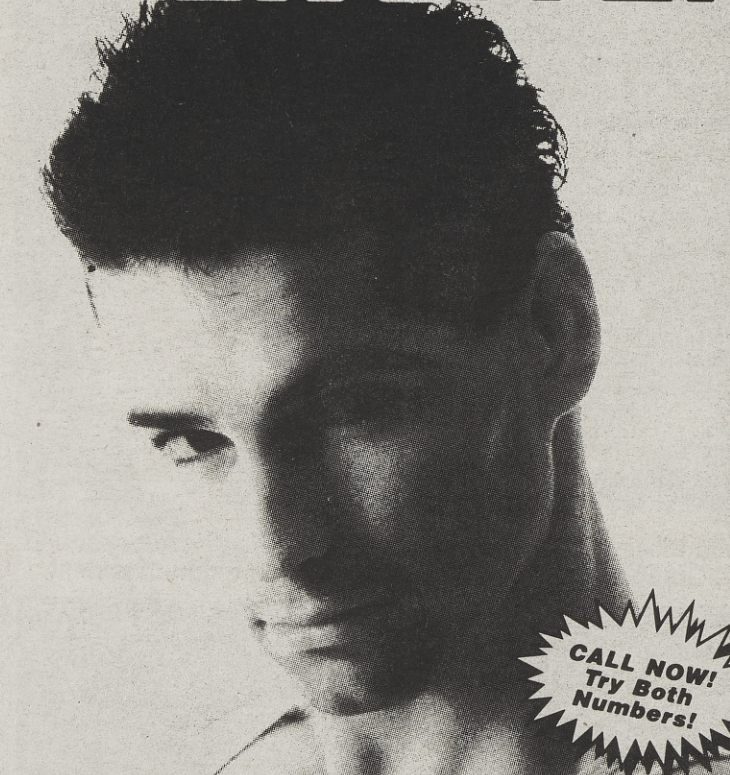
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OutWrite '92, the National Lesbian and Gay Writers Conference will be held in Boston on March 20-22, 1992. The third annual gathering of lesbian and gay writers, editors, publishers, literary agents, booksellers, and readers is scheduled to leave its home base of San Francisco for the first time.

Plenary speakers include: Dorothy Allison, San Francisco-based poet and fiction writer and author of *Trash* and *The Women Who Hate Me*; Melvin Dixon, novelist and author of *Vanishing Rooms*; Marianna Romo-Carmona, Chilean-born poet, essayist and organizer and member of the "Conditions" collective.

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OutWrite '92 will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, a romantic *grand dame* of Boston hotels. Located in downtown Boston, the Park Plaza is easily accessible by subway. It is a wheelchair accessible, union hotel.

OutWrite '92 is co-sponsored by *OutLook* magazine and *Gay Community News*. Registration: \$40 until Feb. 15; \$50 after Feb. 15 and at the door. Registrations can be mailed to: OutWrite '92, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114-2512. For more information about the conference call 617/695-0511.▼

Lesbian/Woman Reprinted and Updated

Volcano Press announced the updated edition of *Lesbian/Woman*, by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon.

The original edition of *Lesbian/Woman*, a ground-breaking classic, was first published in 1972. The book described lesbian lives and experiences in a positive, knowledgeable way rare at the time. The authors, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, were founders of the oldest lesbian organization in America, the Daughters of Bilitis.

Partners for 38 years, Del and Phyllis have consistently pioneered lesbian and women's rights work, and are still in the forefront of these movements. Today, they look back on many awards and appointments—from city and state commissions to the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award of 1990.

The completely updated text concludes with the lesbian conference held in Atlanta, Georgia in April, 1991.

Other gay activists describe them as almost mythological, as role models and "mothers of the movement". But Martin and Lyon say about themselves, "we decided never to become martyrs to any cause... we always had a lot of fun."▼

Old story, more complex

reviewed by Peg Wolfe
OF MGW STAFF

Patience and Sarah, by Isabel Miller, Fawcett Crest Paperback, 1989.

The seventh printing of the 1969 lesbian classic brings to a younger generation a tender love story which was a motif for lesbians coming out in the second wave of feminism. Set in 1815 New England this is a compelling story of two women who discover each other, dream of making a home together, become separated by their shocked families and overcome adversity to reunite in a sweet, intimate and conflict-free relationship. Both resist marriage in their farm community and are forced to leave to find their own safe place in the world. It is the charming archetypal fantasy of lesbian love, difficult to achieve in today's complex, technological, mercenary and game-playing age. to indulge in Miller's simply told tale is to remember and know that love and nurturing is the rewarding basis and ongoing goal of lesbian bonding.▼

Overcoming... Codependency

Growing In The Shadow, Adult Children of Alcoholics. Ed. Robert J. Ackerman, Popano Beach, Florida: Health Communications, 1986

reviewed by Joanne Marrow,
Ph.D.

This is an excellent collection of articles for therapists, children of alcoholics (ACAs), and people in relationships with them. Children of alcoholics learn ways of survival and coping with the drinking parent that they bring to their adult relationships. This style of relating can cause conflict.

You may be in a relationship, love the person but are mystified by his/her arbitrary actions. Learning about ACAs' patterns can bring new perspective. ACAs have difficulty being spontaneous and having fun. They may be hypersensitive. They have a need to be "in control," and are chronically insecure.

The first stage of therapy with ACAs involves overcoming denial of the problem. This book provides an initial focus of the healing path ACAs must take. Articles on Hispanic, Black and Native American family systems illustrate the unique problems that these groups face ▼

Codependency: Issues in Treatment and Recovery, Eds. Bruce Carruth and Warner Mendenhall, Hawarth Press, 1989

reviewed by Joanne Marrow,
Ph.D.

This book is intended for therapists, but could be used as emotional self help for the codependent person. It is said that most people are codependent, that American society teaches people to be codependent. In addition, codependents are in denial. They do not have a problem. How can you know if you are codependent?

Mendenhall states that codependency is a style of relating. Most alcoholics are codependent. In addition, spouses, children, grandchildren and parents of alcoholics or drug users are probably codependent. People become codependent when they are trying to relate to alcoholics or drug users.

Charles Whitfield states that the codependent believes that something outside of himself can give him happiness and fulfillment. This is the source of all addictions. The user thinks the substance (drug, food, property, relationship) can make her happy and fulfilled. This belief does seem to be basic to a materialistic society.

One principle of therapy for codependents is to focus on the fact that the individual is the creator of his/her happiness. This creative act demands that one directs one's attention to the internal experiences of feeling and thinking. The person must claim his own thoughts and feelings and must learn to trust these. People who are codependent are experts at understanding other peoples feelings, but they don't understand themselves.

Finnegan and McNally warn that lesbians and gay men are at a

special risk for being codependent. Like heterosexuals, they may be survivors of alcoholic parents. But unfortunately there is a drinking subculture among homosexuals. Twenty-eight percent of homosexuals are alcoholic or at risk. (Ten percent of heterosexuals are alcoholic.) This means that lesbians and gay men are at more risk for becoming codependent as adults since they have a high probability of relating to an alcoholic.

Codependents put on a false image to become accepted by others. Acceptability is more important than being true to oneself. Many gay people put out a false image of heterosexuality in order to be accepted in the larger society. These homophobic, closeted homosexuals are practiced in the style of relating that describes codependents. Gay people who fake heterosexuality may easily fall into a codependent relationship.

There is hope, of course. Recovery from codependency can be achieved by education (intensive reading), peer support (CoDA groups, a form of AA 12-step program) and psychotherapy (three years, if one is codependent since childhood). Everyone has a right to discover the incomparable joy of finding meaning by experiencing and expressing their own creative, inner world. ▼

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BOOKS

Stone and JFK: Shake, Rattle and Roll

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Oliver Stone has done it again. The director who thrives on self-righteous indignation and barely contained rage has created another wake-up-and-get-angry American epic with *JFK*, a fitting cousin to Stone's acclaimed *Platoon* and *Born on the Fourth of July*.

JFK unfolds like the rapid fire of a machine gun. There is stock footage of Kennedy's presidency, the motorcade in Dallas, and the state funeral. Spliced in are reenacted and speculative scenes of the inside of the school book depository building, business on the infamous grassy knoll, arrests of bystanders, the president's autopsy, Oswald's assassination by Jack Ruby and more.

Holding his big scrapbook of a movie together is the central story of New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison (Kevin Costner), who in 1969 took the only assassination conspiracy case to trial. The man on trial, Clay Shaw (Tommy Lee Jones), is a vicious snake who lives in Liberacesque opulence and preys on a male hustler, played with some bravado by Kevin Bacon.

If there was a conspiracy, if Oswald wasn't a mad loner, who was involved? *Everybody!* There's the FBI, the Pentagon, Johnson, Castro, anti-Castro Cubans in the United States, the CIA, the Dallas police, and a decadent gaggle of New Orleans homosexual men. Kennedy, so the movie goes, was planning to withdraw troops from Vietnam, end the cold war, and set the world on a new path toward peace. The military-industrial complex would have none of this, so an elaborate plot was hatched to end Kennedy's life. Johnson, we are assured, will honor the commitment against communist aggression in Southeast Asia, Cuba, or anywhere else. He was the man of the hour.

The content of *JFK* is so charged with passion and controversy that the movie's many artistic shortcomings have been ignored in much of the press. Stone swamps *JFK* with tricks, rarely trusting the great drama to speak for itself simply and straightforwardly. Stone employs MTV-style quick cut editing, the often used *de rigueur* technique for trendy movie making in the '90s. In the many black and white scenes, Stone turned up the lights so brightly that people and objects are washed out and glow like the aliens of *Close Encounters*. Maybe the effect looks neat and different now, but it will look ridiculous and dated in five years. Stone further calls upon the "hey, there's..." school of filmmaking, as in hey, there's Jack Lemmon, Ed Asner, Sally Kirkland, Walter Matthau, Donald Sutherland and John Candy. Playing "Guess the Next Star Cameo" distracts considerably from the action at hand.

The domestic crisis scenes, in which Costner juggles the increased demands of the case with those of wife (Sissy Spacek) and kids, are right out of umpteen uninspired potboilers. In another trite touch, wife nags about husband's neglect of family, then sees the light of reason, watching misty-eyed as Garrison performs heroically in court. Amidst the pyrotechnics of *JFK* is this utterly mundane domestic melodrama.

Then there are the problems of continuity and structure; Costner's kids don't age from 1963 to 1969. Further, the real Garrison was not present to hear the verdict in the Shaw trial. Costner as Garrison is not only there, but he delivers (quite badly) an impassioned speech about truth and justice. The verdict is read seconds later, and the "not guilty" decision is absurd against the design of the movie. We have seen only scenes pointing unequivocally to Shaw's guilt.

JFK starts at a hysterical pitch, and stays there for three numbing hours. When the details of Kennedy's wounds and the so-called "magic bullet" are revealed, the movie has pummeled its audience for so long that the reaction is more fatigue than horror.

As personified by Garrison, Stone thrashes about seeking the "truth," all the while playing fast and loose with the facts. He has chosen effect over authenticity, and conjecture over accurate history. Stone was quoted as saying the lone killer conclusion reached by the Warren Commission "is a giant myth, and in order to fight a myth, maybe you have to create another one." He is worshipful to Kennedy and the still living Garrison; they are here symbols instead of people. Oswald is portrayed as a bizarre and tragic pawn. What does this accomplish? Lots of banter at cocktail parties and little else. The complex characters have been bankrupted as Stone has spent millions of dollars to create fiction out of a watershed event in modern history. For younger viewers with no direct connection to the Kennedy era, this is unfortunate.

JFK, with its huge budget, could have been an exhaustively researched, meticulously crafted, and uncompromisingly accurate documentary. Stone deserves credit for reopening unanswered questions through popular entertainment, but why distort known history while purporting to seek the truth? It is Donald Sutherland, as an informant in Washington, who asks "Why was Kennedy assassinated? Who most benefited? Who has the power to cover-up?" These are haunting questions, and they deserve honest treatment. They don't get it here. Stone may wish to incite rage in complacent Americans, and that's good, but his tactics are no more laudable than the covert and deceitful operations of the government he so depicts.▼

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Taj Mahal Makes *Sounder* A Reel Treat

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

The recent appearance of blues singer and composer Taj Mahal in Sacramento invites another look at a movie that has become a modern classic. Taj Mahal's infectious and deeply appealing music help elevate *Sounder* to something very special.

Made at a time when black exploitation films (*Shaft*, *Superfly*, *Blackula*, etc.) were rife, *Sounder* tells the simple and eloquent story of a black sharecropping family's struggle against hard times in depression-era rural Louisiana.

In the nearly twenty years since its release, *Sounder* hasn't aged. The sentiment is heavy but never cloying. The characters are refreshingly real, they are fully three-dimensional in their strengths and

faults. The story, written for the screen by Lonne Elder III, is based on an award-winning novel by William H. Armstrong.

The performances are superb, particularly those by the three leads. Kevin Hooks is the son on the brink of adulthood who is saddled with responsibilities beyond his years. The survival of the family hinges on him and on his chances for an education. Paul Winfield and Cicely Tyson found stardom and Oscar nominations for their work as the struggling parents. Tyson in particular has moments that transcend acting, as when she runs weeping to her husband as he returns home from a labor camp.

Directing the movie with great compassion and skill was the late Martin Ritt, the man behind *Hud* and *Norma Rae*. *Sounder* stands among his best work.▼

Lambda Players Announce Changes

The Lambda Players regretfully announces that *The Heidi Chronicles*, originally scheduled to open our 1991-92 season has been cancelled. "It's really a terrible situation," states Maureen Gaynor, LP Steering Committee member. "We were granted the rights, we held auditions, started rehearsals and sold tickets before Dramatist Play Service informed us of the conflict. Apparently, they had already granted the rights to a local professional theatre company. They didn't tell us about it until mid-December." All other plays will be produced as scheduled this season.

Opening January 25, in place of *Heidi*, will be *Voices at the Crossroads*. This original piece consists of a series of monologues involving the changes people face in their lives. The play will perform Saturday and Sunday nights at 8:15 p.m. from January 25 through February 16 at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street.

Season tickets are \$28. Single tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 442-0185 for more information or to charge tickets by phone. To order by mail, send checks made payable to the Lambda Players, P.O. Box 163654, Sacramento, CA 95816. The Lambda Players is a project of the Lambda Community Center.▼

The Lambda Players Announces Auditions For *Men of Manhattan*

The Lambda Players is proud to present the Sacramento debut of *Men of Manhattan*. This critically acclaimed, off-Broadway success about New York gay life was written by the Tony Award winning producer of *Torch Song Trilogy*, John Glines. Through a series of monologues and short scenes, Glines lets us laugh at the situation we get ourselves into. Performances will be held on Saturday and Sun-

day nights at 8:15pm from March 21 through April 19.

Auditions will be held at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street in Sacramento. General auditions will be on Tuesday, January 21, from 7-10pm. Callbacks will be on Wednesday, January 22, from 7-10pm. Roles for nine men ages 18-40. Actors will be required to read from the script. For more information call 442-0185.▼



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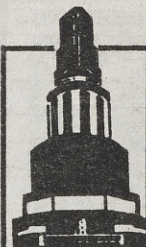
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The Lead Character May Be Gay, But Not The Play

by James Fitzpatrick Jr.
OF MGW STAFF

Anytime a play or movie with a gay theme plays locally, we gays tend to flock to the show. So starved are we to see representations of our very beings on stage or on the screen. And far too often, what we do see of ourselves is not positive. Witness such recent films as *My Own Private Idaho* and *JFK* (an otherwise brilliant film, but extremely homophobic, as many of the principal suspects in the conspiracy theory are portrayed as fascist homosexuals).

Then there are those occasional story lines with characters who are gay, well-adjusted and whose homosexuality is not an issue. Lanford Wilson's *Fifth of July*, which opens January 24th at Sacramento Theatre Company, is such a play. And this gay non-issue aspect of *Fifth of July* is just one of the many elements of the play that STC Associate Artistic Director, and *Fifth of July* Director, Tim Ocel finds so appealing.

"This was one of the first plays that dealt with homosexuality without making it the focus of the story," says Ocel. "*The boys in the Band* and *The Killing of Sister George* were good plays despite all the self-loathing. But homosexuality was

the story. In *Fifth of July*, you have a couple of characters who just happen to be gay. That's what makes this play important. The fact that their homosexuality isn't."

Fifth of July revolves around eight characters gathered at a Missouri farmhouse for the July 4th, 1977, holiday. The central character, Kenneth Talley, Jr., is a Vietnam veteran paralyzed in the war. Jed is his easy-going lover who tends to his English garden. Rounding out the cast are assorted friends and relatives. As the play progresses, we quickly become aware of the nature of the relationship between Ken and Jed. But again, it's a non-issue.

The real focus of the story is on fear and acceptance. "Everyone's afraid of something," notes Ocel. "Gwen is terrified of singing (she's a professional country/western singer). Sally doesn't want to dump the ashes (of her husband). Ken is afraid of falling. When Ken is pushed backwards at one point, he lives. And he gets up again. Once you overcome fear, you're okay. It may be a cliché, but it's true. There's nothing to fear but fear itself. That's what Lanford Wilson is saying in his play. These characters are a microcosm of the United States. The other issue is acceptance. Ken

has no problem accepting his homosexuality. It's his handicap that he hasn't overcome. Until the end of the play."

Prolific playwright Lanford Wilson is himself quite openly gay, and has seen numerous successes including *Hot L Baltimore*. *Fifth of July*, which received a Tony nomination for best play, is one of a series of three plays revolving around the same family. *A Tale Told* takes place on July 4th, 1944, in the Talley family mansion, while *Talley's Folly*, which received the 1980 Pulitzer Prize for drama, takes place simultaneously in the boat-house. *Fifth of July*, of course, is set a full generation later, bringing homosexuality out into the open and into the Talley family.

Having assembled what Ocel believes to be an outstanding cast, an elaborate set and a critically-acclaimed script that treats homosexuality as a non-issue makes this STC production of special interest to both regular and occasional patrons of local theater. *Fifth of July* runs Tuesdays through Sundays, January 24 through February 16. Call the Sacramento Theatre Company box office at 443-6722 for more information and ticket orders.▼

Gays And Lesbians Get Slovenian Government Praise

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia — Only 75 miles northeast of the Italian resort city of Trieste, Ljubljana is the capital of the former Yugoslavian province of Slovenia, one of several that are now asserting their independence from the once Communist state. But it is also the first - and so far only - government in a former Eastern Bloc nation to officially acknowledge the role gays and lesbians played in the growing independence movements in Eastern Europe.

Slovenian officials recently held an officially sponsored gay and lesbian film festival to acknowledge the role activists played in the Slovene independence movement.

Included among the day-long

festival were the critically acclaimed East German film, "Coming Out" and the U.S. lesbian love story "Desert Hearts."

Although most of the former Iron Curtain nations have been reluctant to acknowledge alternative movements and lifestyles they see as Western influences, Slovenian officials have been quick to embrace them.

Slovene authorities recently even publicly praised local "punks" for being the first group to openly defy the Communist regime three years ago.

Gay and lesbian activists in Slovenia say they expect the film festival to become an annual event and that they intend to ride current governmental support to become "an integral part of Slovene culture."▼

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Lavender Angels Offer Mobile Neighborhood Watch

The Lavender Angels, Sacramento's gay neighborhood watch, have adjusted their patrol procedures in order to offer an additional service. For the past eight months, the Lavender Angels have been patrolling their efforts on Friday and Saturday nights because of the high incidence of hate crimes on those nights. In order to better serve the gay/lesbian community, the Angels are now going to patrol only one night per week but they will include Wednesday nights—which is Lady's Night at Faces—in their patrol schedule. They will

alternate patrols between Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. The reason for the reduction in patrol nights is to begin offering their services for gay and lesbian events around the area.

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MCC & Community Provide For Over 3000

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struggle to meet its social responsibility, it has never seen such an outpouring of community help. Forty members of Congregation Beth Shalom served Christmas dinners, spearheaded by Burnett Florez and Eric. Neighboring Afro-American churches helped, along with two members of Capital Christian Center who commented on the love that filled the room. The Mercantile provided food gift certificates, along with toys. What started out as a bleak holiday season for many, ended in joy. MCC is committed to feeding those in need, and helping where they can. Volunteers are needed for MCC's day at Loaves & Fishes. Contact the church at 454-4762 or 454-0180.▼



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New Year's Eve Party at Lambda Center

People having a good time on New Year's Eve at Sacramento's Eastern Star Temple. The event was sponsored by a coalition of organizations including the Lambda Center, Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, and the Green Party. Music was provided by "Clan Dyken."

Couples Group Now Forming

Greater Sacramento Area Couples is now being formed as a member of COUPLES NATIONAL NETWORK, INC. It is a group that will provide a social/educational environment for lesbian and gay couples. There are no religious or political affiliations. The first meeting will be Jan 18th at 6pm, at the Lambda Community Center. There will be planned socials and educational meetings with couples in mind. For information call Bob or Ken at 726-3661.▼

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The High Cost of Sex

by Joan Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

Now that I have your attention ... Yes, there is a price that our pets, particularly our dogs and cats, pay for having sex.

Last week's newscast on Channel 10 was a disturbing account of the number of pups and kittens turned into the SPCA as a result of the economy and many people's inability to afford their pets. It is a sad situation, however, you have to wonder where these pups and kitties came from in the first place. Many of them start out as those "free" pups that are given away because Aunt Sara's wonderful Golden Retriever had a litter of pups ... unplanned but cute and mixed with the neighbors' Labrador, who is a big friendly dog. The neighbor canvasses the neighborhood and maybe finds homes for the darling "Ten Little Indians." Of the homes that they "give" them to, maybe two out of ten will work.

Too often the neighbors' kitty produces a litter twice a year like

can be sent to 4620 Del Rio Rd, Sacramento, CA 95822. SPIN works through veterinary clinics, absorbing a portion of the cost of the surgery for those who are in financial need. Most vets will do the surgery when pups and kittens hit six months of age. This is not something that a conscientious, responsible pet owner will want to put off. There are enough unwanted pets out there now—don't add to the pet overpopulation problem through carelessness.

There are no good reasons for the average pet to be allowed to reproduce. Neutering a pet can increase the life span by reducing the risk of cancer of the reproductive organs. A neutered pet is less likely to wander and is usually less aggressive because of a lack of interest in the opposite sex. And they are less hassle because you don't have to confine the females twice a year for three weeks at a time. If you really want to increase the number of pets in your household or add a new pet to eventually take up the void that an aging pet will eventually leave, think about

COSTS OF OWNING A DOG

Dogs, like children, need love, training, food, medical care and some miscellaneous items during their lifetime. Before you commit yourself to the responsibilities of a pet, please take into consideration the long-term costs.

	Initial	Lifetime*	Total
Veterinary Bills	\$150	\$880	\$1030
Training	\$50-100	\$550-2200**	\$600-2300
Registration Fee	\$15		\$15
Food		\$4400	\$4400
Preventative Medication		\$2200	\$2200
Grooming Supplies	\$130	\$1100	\$1230
Leash, Collar, Toys	\$100	\$1100	\$1200
Flea & Pest Treatment		\$880*	\$800*
TOTAL	\$445 to \$495	\$11,110 to \$12,760 & up	\$11,555 to \$13,255 & up

* Based on 11 year lifespan ** If you continue training
These are the estimates providing that there are no problems, but if your dog destroys or damages your possessions or a neighbor's, or if your dog develops health problems, you may have to add hundreds of dollars to these costs.
NOTE: Costs don't include the purchase price of the dog which ranges from \$50 to \$5,000.

Figures were based on *My Life with a Dog*, by Tyler Mathisen, *Money*, January 1990 and *Expensive, But Worth It*, by Dominique Davis from the December 1991 *American Kennel Gazette*.

clockwork. They are never sure when it is going to happen, and she's so noisy and obnoxious they "just let her out to roam." A couple of months later we have a darling litter of kittens ... again ... that they will have to give away in front of the local supermarket. These kittens will also end up going into homes that may or may not be permanent.

When a pup or a kitten is an impulse acquisition little or no thought is given to the cost of maintaining the pet. There is no such thing as a "free" pet. There are "hidden" costs that are necessary if the pet is to live a full, happy life. The American Kennel Club recently issued the following breakdown on the cost of owning a dog. These figures are estimates based on no problems with health or accidents. Just the basic upkeep would indicate that there really is no money in breeding dogs for the average dog owner. Next time someone talks to you about owning a dog, show them these figures ... is it an investment they can afford?

If a pet is affordable, the next issue is neutering to prevent the possibility of an unwanted and unplanned litter. There are many spay/neuter clinics available for those who cannot afford the procedure at regular veterinary prices. Those of us who support low cost spay/neuter clinics can help by making donations to SPIN, Sacramento Pets In Need at 441-7522. They can always use the help which

all of the abandoned little guys down at the SPCA, looking for the perfect home. Times are tough for many people, pets are a luxury for some households right now. Hopefully many of these surrendered pets will be adopted and live long, happy lives.

For those interested in dog shows, the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs will present their Annual Money Match on Sunday, January 25 at the Dixon May Fairgrounds with judging beginning at 10am. For information regarding entries call Mary Edner at 988-2232 or Diane Heldebrandt at 485-5950.

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Great Gay Awards For 1991

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Nineteen-ninety-one wasn't one of the greatest years for gay rights, with more downs than ups it seems. Here, briefly, are a few of the choicer varieties of each for your amusement, amazement and astonishment.

Pontius Pilot Award: No contest here. The hands-down (or thumbs-down) winner is Gov. Pete Wilson who, before his election, was more than happy to take gay campaign contributions, editorial endorsements and election workers from the state's Log Cabin Clubs, privately assuring gay and non-gay journalists and politicians that he would sign a state gay rights bill, then vetoed AB-101 claiming it would be bad for business and that protections already existed.

Butthead of the Year Award: San Francisco Sentinel publisher Ray Chalker who pulled his paper's earlier editorial endorsement of incumbent Mayor Art Agnos because Agnos wanted a city ordinance against smoking in public businesses like the gay country-western bar Chalker owns.

Dumbest Controversy Award: The flap in Alamo, Calif., over changing the name of Gay Court to High Eagle Road which residents ultimately decided to do, denying their actions were motivated by homophobia; and a similar move in Gay Head, Mass., to change the town's name, which residents there decided to keep. With public schools falling apart, crime skyrocketing and millions of people living in poverty, you might think the folks in Alamo and Gay Head might have something better to do with their political energies.

Crassest Exploitation Award: Dentists Stephen Voyne and Patricia Walker of Oakland, Calif.,

who decided to advertise their dental business by assuring prospective clients they had both tested negative for HIV.

Most Overrated Story: Magic Johnson's disclosure that he is positive for HIV, particularly since rumors about Johnson having unspecified health problems were already beginning to circulate widely among sports writers in Los Angeles.

Most Underrated Story: News reports that the AIDS epidemic may be fostering increasing strains of drug-resistant tuberculosis by permitting the new TB strains to attack quicker and make existing TB treatments ineffective.

Most Aptly Named Politician Award: Gary Kreep, the Escondido, Calif., attorney and former national director of the Young Americans for Freedom, who has in the past railed against the appointment of gays and lesbians to the bench because they "will be perverting American justice" and complained of "a homosexual assault on American morality." Despite his rabidly anti-gay background, Kreep was appointed to the San Diego Human Relations Commission.

Dumbest Public Relations Award: A toss up between the Boy Scouts of America, which refused permit gays to serve in the organization, and Queer Nation, which protested the Boy Scouts' exclusion by holding a kiss-in at Scout-ing headquarters in San Francisco.

Unclear On the Concept Award: The San Francisco Examiner, flagship of the Hearst Corporation, reported a protest by lesbian/gay activists at Mayor Art Agnos' home as the work of homophobic, anti-gay vandals angry with the mayor's pro-gay stance. In fact, activists were miffed with Agnos because he objected to having San Francisco officially declared a "gay

sanctuary."

Gay Holiday Award: The directors of Hollywood's Van Ness House ought to get high praise for unanimously declaring National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11) a paid holiday for its employees, the first business to recognize the national lesbian/gay visibility celebration.

Heroic Gay Award: After hundreds of anti-gay students at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., nearly put a stop to the first Gay Pride Week on campus there last year, an Oakland woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, wrote out a check for \$10,000 to Marshall's Lambda Society.

Freedom of Speechless Award: Houston Post editors who first ordered columnist Juan Palomo to rewrite a column in which he came out of the closet, then fired him when he complained about the suppressed column. After a humiliating protest over Palomo's dismissal embarrassed them, Post editors finally rehired Palomo.

Wising-Up-Quick Award: Hallmark Cards, which had banned the word "lesbian" from its new make-it-yourself Personalize It line of greeting cards, quickly changed their minds (and their Personalize It computer) after activists with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) objected to the censorship.

Cheek Award: A tie between AIDS activists who convinced the company that makes the enormous balloons for Macys' Thanksgiving Day Parade to create a giant condom with which they covered Sen. Jesse Helms' Arlington, Va., home; and gay Republicans Michael Moore and Mike Thakar who, after Gov. Wilson's veto of AB-101, demanded - and got - a refund of the \$2,000 they had given to Wilson's gubernatorial campaign. ▼

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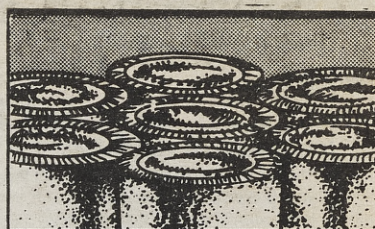
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▼ 15 - Wednesday

Statewide Initiative Campaign Kickoff, Café San Marcos, 2367 Market St., SF, 6pm, 415-252-5638.

Smoking Cessation Free Clinic, runs 7 wks every Wed 5:30-7pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

Common Sense Dog Training, La Sierra, 925-7355.

Moon Over the Brewery, The Show Below, 2130 L St., 8pm, \$12, 446-2787.

▼ 17 - Friday

Healthy Relationships: What Are They & How to Have One, Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change, Linda Barnard, PhD, MFCC, 7pm, 687-7282.

Jim Bailey as Barbra Streisand & Judy Garland, AIDS fundraiser, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, late night cocktail show, \$30, 985-6361.

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

▼ 18 - Saturday

Greater Sacramento Area Couples, Lambda Center, 6pm, 726-3661.

Jim Bailey as Barbra Streisand & Judy Garland, (See Jan 17.)

"Holly Near the Dance Brigade", Mission High School Auditorium, S.F., Tickets \$12-\$15, (415) 541-0800.

January Jamm, Music by Joey, Camilia Room, 2722 L St., \$5 cover, 9pm-2am, 427-5713.

Common Sense Dog Training, 6424 Sutter Ave, 925-7355.

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

▼ 19 - Sunday

Moon Over the Brewery, The Show Below, 2130 L St., \$12, 2:20pm, 446-2787.

Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Symphony Gospel Spectacular, 6pm, Community Center Theater, 264-5181.

▼ 20 - Monday

Jim Bailey as Barbra Streisand & Judy Garland, AIDS fundraiser, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, dinner concert, \$55, 985-6361.

Fifth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March, Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Blvd., 7:30am, 456-8242 or 449-7403.

▼ 21 - Tuesday

King: A Filmed Record—From Montgomery to Memphis, KVIE Channel 6, 11pm.

SLCC (Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change), General membership meeting/elections, 7pm, Lambda Center, 448-3130.

Jim Bailey as Barbra Streisand & Judy Garland, (See Jan 20.)

Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change, general meeting, 7pm, Lambda Community Center, Mary Smith 395-0428.

PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meeting 7:30pm, Christian Education Bldg, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, orientation for new persons 7pm.

▼ 22 - Wednesday

"Day Without Art", World AIDS Memorial Day telecast on Channel 18.

▼ 23 - Thursday

Hunter Davis & Mary McCaslin, The Palms in Davis, 756-9901.

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

Entering Poetry, Philip Levine, 7:30pm, California State Library, 914 Capitol Mall, Rm 500, Sac, free, 654-0174.

▼ 24 - Friday

"Sandra Bernhard", "Giving til it hurts", 982 Market St, S.F., 8pm, \$20-\$22.50.

"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look at 20th Century Popular American Dance, 8pm, 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., \$10 general, \$7 student/senior, \$5 child, 483-4017.

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

▼ 25 - Saturday

The Great Gatsby Gay Gala, Wall Street Center for the Arts, 6pm, \$20, proceeds to Butte County Charities, 891-0627.

Sacramento Council of Dogs Clubs, Inc., Sweepstakes Match, Madden Hall, Dixon-May Fairgrounds, Dixon, 10am, 988-2232.

"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look at 20th Century Popular American Dance, (See Jan 24.)

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

▼ 26 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 30 - Thursday

"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look at 20th Century Popular American Dance, (See Jan 24.)

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

▼ 31 - Friday

SLCC Dance, Tuesday Club, Music by "Joey", 8pm-1am, 448-3130.

"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look at 20th Century Popular American Dance, (See Jan 24.)

Moon Over the Brewery, (See Jan 15.)

Eartha Kitt, Sacramento Symphony, Community Center Theater, 264-5181.

FEBRUARY

▼ 1 - Saturday

Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92 Contest, sponsored by Sacramento Leather Association, Joseph's Town & Country, 8pm, proceeds to benefit W.E.A.V.E. and Hope House, tickets \$7 advance & \$10 at door, 391-8326 or 988-0920.

"Over Our Heads", comedy improv & musical troupe, presented by BACW, Central Valley, Modesto, 8pm, tickets \$8 members advance, \$10 non-members advance, \$12 all at door, 209-527-8237.

The Blazing Redheads, The Palms in Davis, 756-9901.

Camping Women, Dance in Dutch Flats, 689-9326.

Eartha Kitt, Sacramento Symphony, Community Center Theater, 264-5181.

▼ 2 - Sunday

"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look at 20th Century Popular American Dance, 7pm, 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., \$10 general, \$7 student/senior, \$5 child, 483-4017.

▼ 5 - Wednesday

Sac Women's Network Financial Workshop, Beverly Garland Hotel, 1780 Tribute Rd, 8-11:20am, \$30 members & \$40 non-members, 448-8203.

▼ 9 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 15 - Saturday

Winter Magic, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

▼ 16 - Sunday

Leather Daddy & Daddy's Boy Contest, Wreck Room, 10:30pm, Free, 456-1610.

▼ 18 - Tuesday

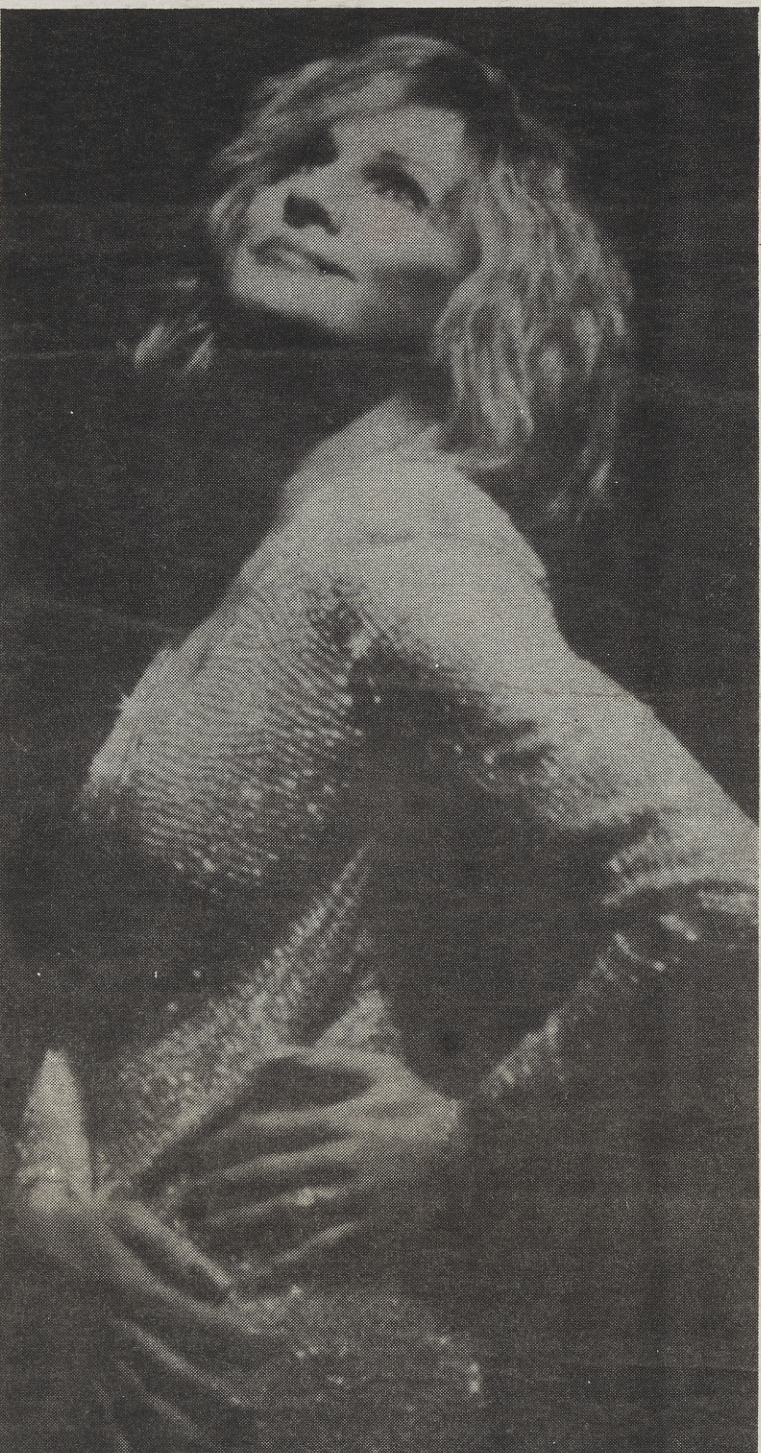
Common Sense Dog Training, Southside Pool Bldg, 6th & T, 925-7355.

▼ 8 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 11 - Wednesday

Common Sense Dog Training, La Sierra, 925-7355.



Jim Bailey as Barbra Streisand will be performing at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre for late night cocktail shows on January 17 & 18 and dinner shows January 20 & 21.

▼ 20 - Thursday

Common Sense Dog Training, Curtis Park, Sutterville & E. Curtis at 10th, 925-7355.

▼ 23 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 24 - Monday

Common Sense Dog Training, Johnson-Springview Park, Rocklin, 925-7355.

MARCH

▼ 7 - Saturday

Godspell, (See March 6.)

▼ 14 - Saturday

Learning to Make a Difference, Sacramento Family Community Leadership, Topics: How to run an effective meeting & Communication—listening & feedback, \$5, Cooperative Extension, 4145 Branch Center Rd, Sac 95827, 336-2013.

▼ 22 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, \$2-\$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

APRIL

▼ 5 - Sunday

Tim Warford Memorial Bowliathon to "STRIKE OUT AIDS", sponsored by LAMBDA Community Center and Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Land Park Bowl, afternoon, 442-0185.

▼ 11 - Saturday

"Camping Women", Apr 11-19, National Camping Women Desert Caravan Trip to San Felipe, Baja CA, 638-4749.

▼ 24 - Friday

Romeo & Juliet, Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 449-5181.

▼ 25 - Saturday

Romeo & Juliet, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

March On Washington, April 25, 1993. Plan to be there!

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"Being Gay Today"—weekly new one-hour gay & lesbian programming airs on Channel 18 on Tuesdays from 10-11pm and is repeated on Thursdays 9-10pm.

▼THEATRE

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Fifth of July, Sacramento Theatre Co., continues to Feb 16, \$11-\$21, 1419 H St., 443-6722.

"The Frogs and Other Tales", for children, B Street Theatre, Jan 25, Feb 8, 15, 22 & 29, Mar 7, 1pm, children \$4, adults \$8, 442-5635.

Godspell, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, Mar 6, 7pm, 449-7228.

Greater Tuna, national hit comedy Feb 11 thru April 5th, 24th Street Theater, 557-1999.

Leesha Divar (Singing, Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, 649-8420.

Winter Magic, Sacramento Ballet, Feb 14, 8pm, 449-5181.

▼GALLERIES

Theatre in Revolution: Russian Avant-Garde Stage Design 1913-1935, M.H. deYoung Museum, SF, thru Feb 16, 1992, 415-750-3636

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Crocker Art Museum, Wed thru Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Extended hours Thurs til 9 pm 1421 K Street, 449-6711.

Suzanne Siegal, Virginia Stearns & Katherine Wells, sculptors explore the female body, Matrix Members' Gallery, 1725 I St, thru Feb 14, 441-4818.

Anita Lee, designer of elegant jewelry & fiber wall sculpture, Matrix Members' Gallery

Palmer (acrylic paintings), McNeill (drawings), Rincon (ceramic sculpture, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 Tenth St, Sacramento, Jan 8-Feb 2, 448-8723.

Margaret Maye New Work (pastel on sandpaper), Himovitz Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, Sacramento, Jan 7-Feb 2, 925-5917.

Gregory (watercolors), Lecompte (Acrylic on canvas), Monson (Acrylic on canvas), Davis (Porcelain sculpture), Spectrum Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison, S.F., Jan 9-Feb 29, (415) 495-1113.

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